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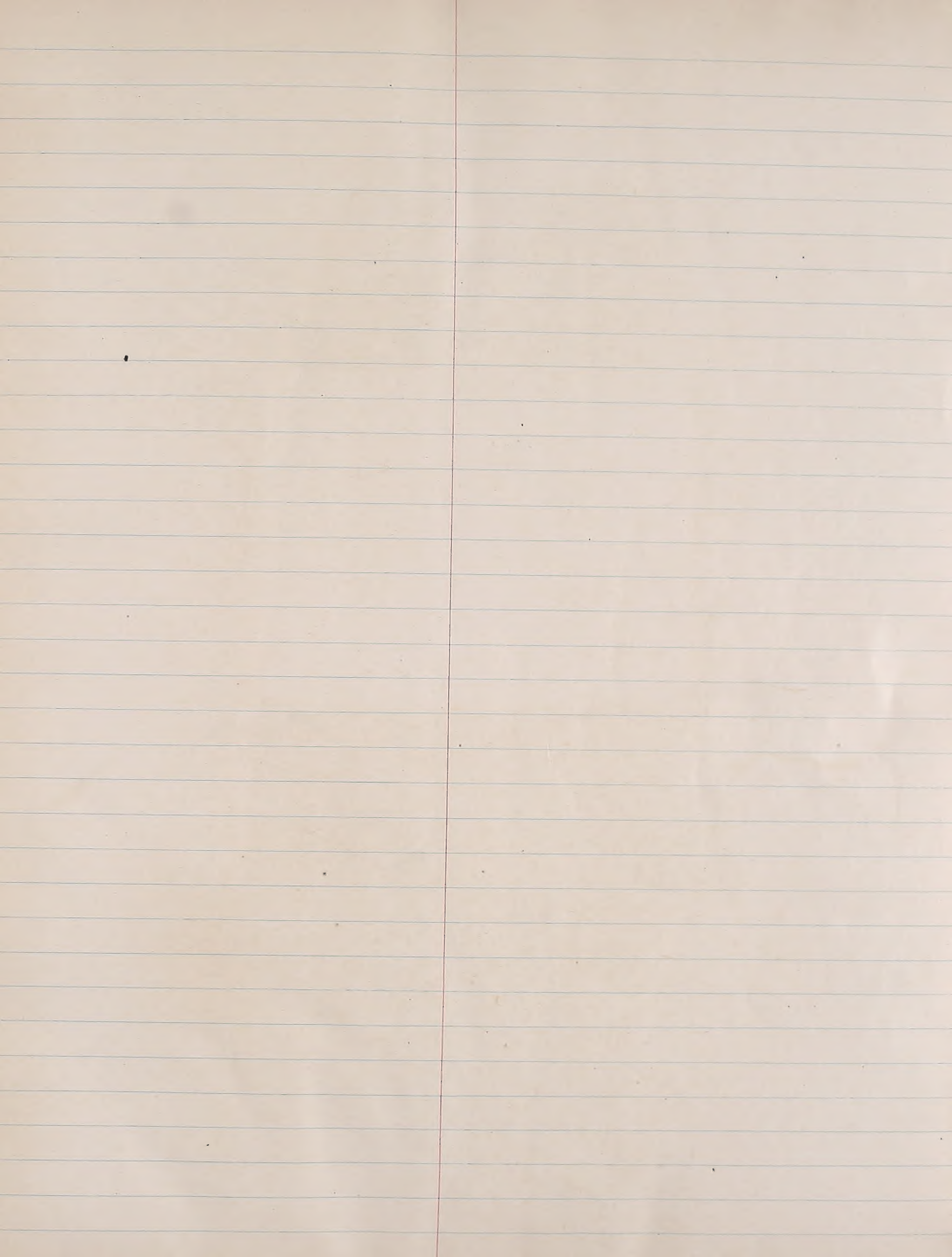




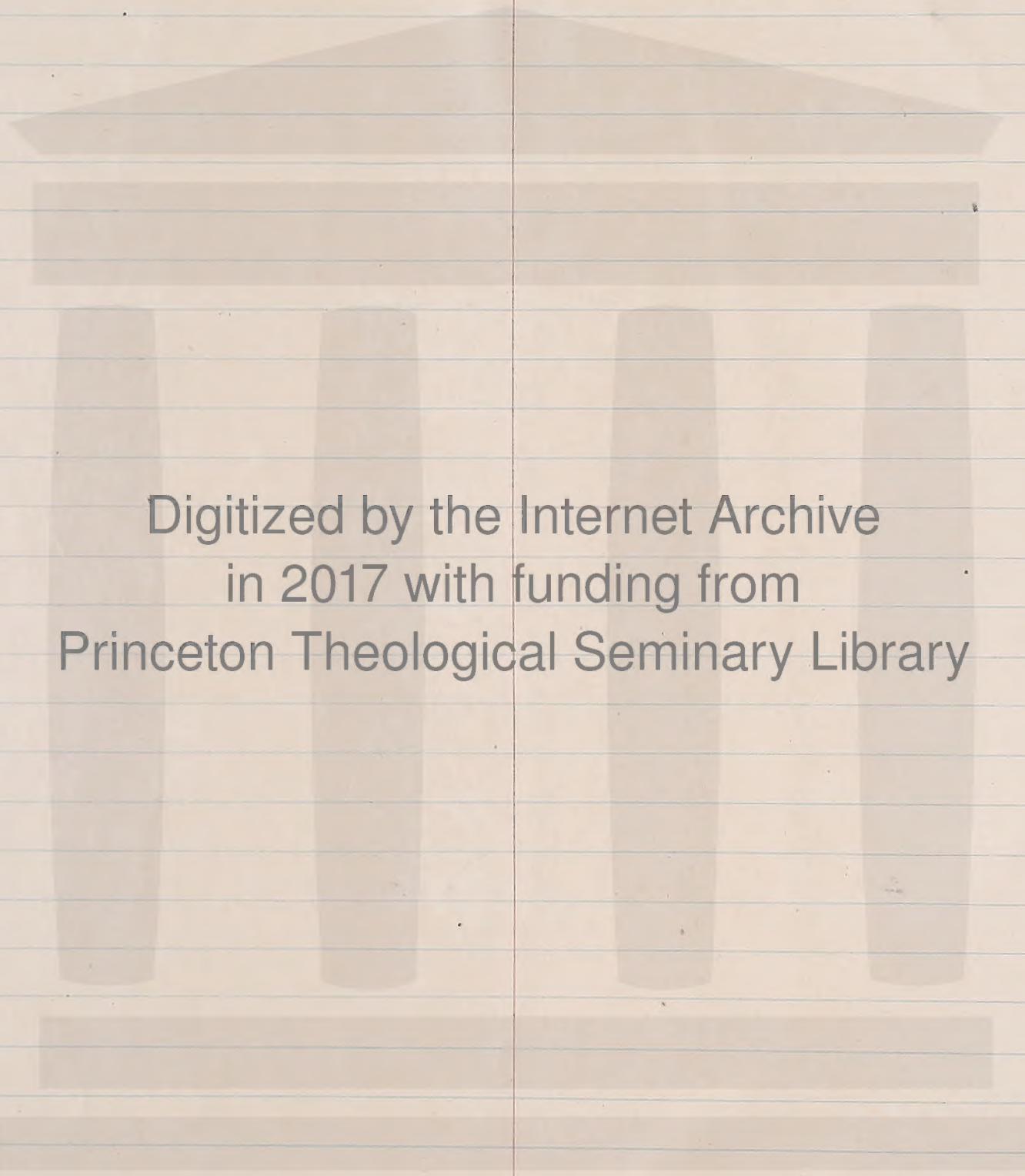












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July 15th, 1908.

Mr. Nathaniel Wilbur Helm,

Exeter, N.H.

My dear Mr. Helm:

Your kind letter of yesterday is just received.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to be in Exeter either Saturday or Monday morning. I shall not be able to leave New York until some time on Saturday, and must take the mid-night train from Boston back on Sunday night, so that I am afraid the only time I will have in Exeter is the little time on Saturday evening.

Very cordially yours,



July 18th, 1908.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken,

364 Findlay Street,

Cincinnati, OHIO.

My dear Mrs. Aiken:

Your kind note of the 13th is just received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation to speak at the meeting in Philadelphia on October 21st. That is the month when our Presbyterian Synods meet, and I shall have to be in Iowa at that time.

Very cordially yours,

The Rev. John H. Strong,

237 Westminster Road,

Reporter, ...

My dear John:-

All our fishing at Diamond Pond is trout fishing. I have been catching a few with both. On the pond I usually use a fly, although I must confess that, during August, the people who use worms are the ones who catch the fish, for the most part. On the streams we usually use worms, although we find they will take the fly, and when the conditions are such that we can use them, we do. I use the same rods for both. I have found a steel rod to be about the most convenient thing on the streams, but it breaks easily, and while I keep going back to it, I think this summer that I shall use my bamboo rods instead. I think you would find that a medium flexible fly rod, quite light, would be the best, and that a worm rod, which is stiffer, would be the best for the streams. We have plenty of rods at camp, however, and unless you are very particular and want something precisely according to your taste, I think we could easily fit you out up there. Elliott and I have five rods between us, and Mr. Coleman has as many, I think.

I have just succeeded in arranging it so that we can get off before the evening of only 1st. The ship is to come from September 1st. We shall have a fine company, and I shall have Mr. Stone and Mr. Martin, the Secretary of the State, and a few others. Mr. Stone will be with us, and I shall say good-bye to him on his way up to camp tomorrow.



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We are still guessing at William's age. You have not told us whether he is just the same age as Elliott or not, but it won't be long before we see him. I have no doubt that he and Elliott and Carl Erdman and Earl Little, the small boy at the farm, will have great times together.

I hope that Mrs. Strong and the new little daughter are both well, and, with warmest love, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

July 16th, 1908.

Mr. F.P. Turner,  
125 East 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Turner:

I have pleasure in enclosing, herewith, my check covering  
my subscription to the Student Volunteer Movement.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.



July 17th, 1908.

The Rev. Schuford Peeler,

Greensboro, N.C.

My dear Mr. Peeler:

Your letter of June 14th is just received.

I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to take part in the simultaneous meetings this Fall. I have already engagement for all of my Sundays, and the rest of my time is filled with my work here in the office of the Presbyterian Board.

I trust you may have very good meetings.

Very sincerely yours,

July 17th, 1908.

Mr. E. D. Soper,

Young People's Missionary Conference,

Silver Bay, New York.

My dear Soper:

I shall have to come back from Silver Bay on the night train from Ticonderoga on the evening of July 27th. Will you arrange for a conveyance for that evening after the meeting, which will get me up to Addison Junction in time for the night train down.

Very cordially yours,

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1908.

The Rev. James M. Martin,  
Spring Valley, New York.

My dear Mr. Martin:

I have some other appointments for October 1st, but if the meeting of the Bible Society is to be held in Nyack or in that section, so that I could leave New York at noon and be in Englewood at six o'clock, I should be very glad to come.

Will you kindly let me know the nature of the audience and the usual character of the address? Is it desired to be on the Bible?

Very cordially yours,



July 20th, 1908.

Mr. F.B. Schenck,

Liberty National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

I am sorry I did not know of the proposed meeting of the Committee on Wednesday evening. I had another engagement that evening but should have endeavored to be present at the meeting.

I am very glad indeed that the Committee is organized and beginning work. It seems to me that instead of postponing the work until Fall, we ought to be ready with some definite recommendation for the whole Committee to act upon in September, if possible.

I knew all three men mentioned in your letter. They are good men. Mr. Lee, however, did not prove an entire success in his last Church in Milwaukee, and I don't believe he has all the qualities we want. Mr. Davis is very young and immature as yet, but a fine fellow with great promise. He told me a few weeks ago, however, that he was definitely committed to Dr. Richards for a year, and while I have no doubt that Dr. Richards would release him if it was clear that it was his duty to take up some other work, I think he is too inexperienced and undeveloped as yet for us. Mr. Babcock I knew when he was a student at Auburn. He bore a physical resemblance to his brother, but I have not heard as to whether he has developed the unusual qualities which his brother possessed. I think it would be well worth while to look him up, and I am writing to one or two friends regarding him. Mr. Babcock is now at Salem, Oregon.

The young minister at Simait of whom you enquire is the Rev. Minot C. Morgan. I have known him since he was a small boy. He is a

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capable fellow, very attractive socially, a good preacher, and a most faithful pastor. They have just built a new Church in Summit where he is greatly liked. He has been there only two or three years. It would seem almost like piracy to try to carry him off, but I suppose it is our duty to look him up with a willingness to commit such a crime if we think that he is our man.

Another man whom I think we might well consider is the Rev. William Butler, pastor of one of the Congregational Churches in Northampton. Louis Davison knows him well, as he used to be in the Congregational Church at Williamstown. Dr. Richards' Church in Plainfield called him after Dr. Richards went, but he would not go. He is a married man, as Mr. Morgan is not.

I think it would be very well if the members of our Committee could at once arrange to hear Mr. Butler and Mr. Morgan. Those who have automobiles can easily go over to Summit, and any who are going up through New England could stop at Northampton.

Another young man whom I will try to look up and report on later is the Rev. Edwin H. Kellogg, who went out to India as a missionary a year ago but who has been obliged to return because of developments in his family which have made his widowed mother and invalid brother dependent upon him. He is a genius. His brother was one of the most able men in our Church, and Ed has one of the most brilliant minds of any of the men in recent years at Princeton. He is a musician. His wife is a charming Canadian girl, a daughter of Robert Henderson of Toronto, and he is going to make, I believe, a remarkable pastor for some strong home Church. He is now on his way from India.

I shall be glad to send, later, a few other names, but I think the fewer names that we really have to consider the better, and probably ninety-nine one-hundredths of the names that are pressed upon us we can dismiss at once.

Please let me know of any service that I can render.

Very cordially yours,

S. L. S.

Dictated July 27th.



July 21st, 1908,

Mr. Ledyard Cogswell, Jr.,  
318 State Street,  
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cogswell:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. I shall be glad to accept your invitation for lunch next Sunday. I shall be staying at the Ten Eyck hotel.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

July 20th, 1908.

The Rev. Albert A. Fulton,  
55 MacDonald Avenue,  
Winona Lake, N.Y.

My dear Brother Albert:

I was delighted to get, the other day, the invitation to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of your marriage on the evening of next Saturday. I wish I could be present to share in the happiness and joy of the occasion. Mrs. Speer and I have celebrated our fifteenth Anniversary and that contained as much happiness as we were able to contain. I can imagine how one's capacities ought to have grown by the Twenty-fifth, and how enlarged though they might be, they would be taxed to the full. Mrs. Speer and I send you and Mrs. Fulton our most joyful congratulations. I hope you may live to celebrate the fiftieth Anniversary, also. Think of what China will be by that time!

I am venturing to send you a little book, just as a very small token of my loving interest in the Anniversary and my best wishes to you and Mrs. Fulton.

Your sincere friend,

Book being sent under separate cover.



July 20th, 1908.

Mr. Thomas S. Evans,

Lombard and 26th Street, (University Settlement)

Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Tom:

Your note of July 15th was received, and I shall hold February 21st for the University of Pennsylvania. I trust that nothing may arise to interfere with my coming then. On October 15th I have to be in St. Paul, Minnesota, and November 1st is my only Sunday at home in November.

I trust that you may have a good Summer, and with kind regards to Mrs. Evans and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

P.S.- July 21st.

I find that I might be able to come for October 11th, if that will do: or did I offer this Sunday earlier and did you say that it would not be practicable?

July 20th, 1908.

The Rev. J.A. Gehrett, D.D.,  
Wakefield, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Gehrett:

I am very much disappointed to get your letter of July 8th and to find out that it wasn't I that ran away and that you had to go after and give a licking to. I had hoped that I had been that boy and that I was going to hear about some interesting times that I had forgotten about.

I hope you will try to think up, some time, all you can about my grandfather and my uncle George. I should be very grateful for any recollections which you could write out about either of them.

Very cordially yours,



July 20th, 1900.

Mr Alfred G. Reeves,

Stanford, New York.

My dear Mr. Reeves:

Your good note of June 30th was duly received.

It would have been answered earlier, but this is a season when one has to be moving around constantly among the Summer Conferences.

I remember very well the cordial invitations of last Winter, and am sorry I could not come over to the Memorial Church any Sunday during the year. I am sorry that I have already engagements for the last Sundays in October and November, so that I could not come for either of them. The only Sunday that I have free is the last Sunday of December, and I presume that would scarcely be a suitable day. Indeed, in your letter you speak of that as the one Sunday that would not be suitable. If I do not have to go to the General Assembly, it is possible that I might be able to come for the last Sunday in May, but I am afraid I may have to be at the Assembly at that time in Colorado.

If you want a good missionary speaker for the last Sunday in October or November, and could get the Rev. F. W. Bible, one of our young missionaries from China who is now at home on furlough, I would by all means suggest your getting him. Just at present he is here in the city and could be addressed either at our Mission Rooms or at "The Montclair," Lexington Avenue & 49th Street, New York City. Mr. Bible seems to be proving as capable a missionary speaker as we have in the country at this time.

Very cordially yours,

July 20th, 1908.

Mr. H.P. Davison,

First National Bank,

Wall Street, New York.

My dear Mr. Davison:

Last Summer you were good enough to get me a card of introduction to the Parmachenee Club. I was not able to get over, however, from our Camp. There is a possibility, however, that this Summer I may be able to go. Would it be any trouble for you to have a card of introduction sent to me for two friends and myself? Please do not do it if it involves anything more on your part than simply asking the Secretary to send out the card, because I do not want to add even a feather's weight to all that you are doing. I am not sure that I shall be able to go over this Summer, but from the hunger which I feel now for the woods and the streams, I am capable of planning to go anywhere. We hope to get off on Friday night of next week.

I hope that you are all comfortably settled at Black Rock, and that you and Mrs. Davison and the children are all well.

Very cordially yours,



July 22nd, 1908.

The Rev. G.C. Wilding, D.D.,

150 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Wilding:

Your very kind note with reference to the New York Preacher's meeting of the Methodist Church has been received, and I would count it a great privilege to have an opportunity to speak at this meeting. I find it very hard to make appointments for New York on Monday mornings. I am almost always away speaking on Sundays and don't usually get back until Monday noon, and our Board meets the first and third Mondays of each month, so that when I am here Monday mornings I am often busy preparing for our Board Meeting.

Thanking you heartily for your kind letter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July 22nd, 1908.

The Rev. Smith Ordway,  
Pittsford, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Ordway:

Your kind note of yesterday is just received. It is very interesting to hear about the proposed centennial of the Pittsford Church, and anyone would rejoice at the opportunity of attending such a celebration. Whether I could come, however, I cannot at this early date say. I may have to be at the General Assembly in Colorado in May, and June is almost always taken up with our Annual Conference with Newly Appointed Missions, which consumes a week, and then with the various Summer Bible Schools and Conferences which I am accustomed to attend. I know how desirable it is to have the program of such a celebration made out long in advance, and am inclined to think that in view of the uncertainty of my movements, you had better try to get someone who could give definite assurance that he would be able to come.

Very cordially yours,



July 22nd, 1908.

My dear Uncle Tommy:

I was delighted to get, this morning, your note containing the prospectus of the Bible Institute. I wish I could come out and attend some of your Bible classes.

That is a lovely picture of the Fishermen's Club, with you sitting right out in front. I suppose that means that there isn't a fisherman in the Club who could tell a bigger yarn than you. I've got some I could tell myself, and I am going up into New England next month to break out of the streams where the yarns are born. I never forget the time you and I fished together at Minnesota, or that night row back when I lost the oar. I still owe you for that oar. Won't you come up now and eat enough lunches with me to make up?

And there you are sitting right among the ladies in that Lyceum Bible Class! If you are not the teacher of that class, what right have you to sit in that picture? And right over beside the ice cream freezer, too, I do believe! And you are smiling in that picture, too, and looking pretty solemn in the other one. I guess your conscience was a little uneasy in that Fishermen's Club group.

I always think of you lovingly, dear Uncle Tommy, and wish we could see one another oftener.

Very affectionately yours,

The Rev. T.C. Horton,  
260 South Main Street,  
Los Angeles, CAL.

*I hope this will come in before the heat of July.*

July 23rd, 1908.

Mr. H.P. Davison,

First National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Davison:

I appreciate thoroughly your most cordial letter of yesterday with its very kind response to my request.

Your statement that no so many people are going up as heretofore makes the prospect all the more inviting to me, and I hope that this Summer we may be able to get over. I only wish that you were to be up there.

Mrs. Spear will appreciate your cordial wish at the close of your letter. Nothing pleases her better than to have time with Mrs. Davison.

I have just had a good letter from a friend up on the Connecticut Lakes regarding a trip which we are planning from the Connecticut Lakes across the old Parashanee trail to the headwaters of the Diamond streams, which are my great fishing grounds, and which, as you know, come into the Megalloway above Errol. It makes it hard to wait here another week when I think of those streams.

Thanking you again for your kindness, and with warm regard, I am

Very cordially yours,



July 23rd, 1906.

Mrs. Walter J. McInger,

26 Sycamore Avenue,

Plainfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. McInger:

Your very kind note of yesterday is just received. If some time next year I find that my work in the office is sufficiently easy to enable me to come up to speak at your meeting, I shall be glad to do so, but I cannot promise now to do so because I find that such little meetings take up just about half a day and half days are very hard to get out of the pressure of the office responsibilities.

Very cordially yours,

July 24th, 1902.

The Rev. Frank Seay,  
27 St. Stevens Road,  
Mobile, Alabama.

My dear Mr. Seay:

Your kind note of the 20th is just received. I wish I could have the pleasure of accepting your invitation, but I am accustomed to give all the time I can get away from my office during the months of June and July to the Summer Student Conferences. I find that I cannot work in any more meetings than these, to which I have been accustomed to go for many years. The time you mention next year I shall probably be at the Student Convention at Northfield. I am very sorry as I should enjoy coming if I could.

Very cordially yours,

July 24th, 1903.

The Rev. J.E. McCulloch,  
Methodist Training School,  
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Mr. McCulloch:

Your very kind note of the 22nd is just received. I wish I could accept your invitation, but I have already engagements for the first ten days in January which will make it impossible for me to come down to the proposed conference. I wish I could attend, and I trust that you may have a very successful meeting.

Very cordially yours,



July 24th, 1908.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

Diamond Pond,

Via Colebrook, N.H.

My dear Horace:

Your good letter of July 20th was received and I showed it to Mrs. Speer. She has thought the whole matter over, however, and believes that if the train is on time it would really be easier for her if we went right through to Colebrook, getting there at eleven, and driving straight out to Camp. We should not get to Bretton Woods until 8.40 if we went straight on and we should have to have some breakfast for the children before that, so that there would be no special reason for going on on that account, and we would have to leave Bretton Woods shortly after noon. We shall take some food with us, accordingly, and if the train is on time and we can make the connections, will go straight up to Colebrook in the morning.

Mrs. Speer thinks this would be better, also, because it will give us Saturday afternoon at Camp to unpack and get settled, whereas if we took the other train we could hardly get all straightened out before Sunday.

I have two fine letters, - one from Mr. Stearns up at Connecticut Lake, and the other from Mr. Davison. Mr. Davison sends me a card for the Farmachenee Club, saying:

"Indeed it gives me very much pleasure to send you a card for the Farmachenee Club for yourself and friends. Permit me to say if you were to take all your friends that region would at last have become the most densely populated in this country. China would not be a marker to it. However, this card is for you and your friends, and you will please take as many as you like. The Club is not flourishing as much financially as heretofore, due to several resignations and deaths, and Meadow Camp, which is 17 miles up from Wilson's Mills, is not being run by the Club except as the guides use it to take care of their parties. If you have your own guides they can put you up there. If you desire to arrange for any guides from the Farmachenee Club you will

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please communicate with Eugene Valence, Superintendent, Camp Caribou, Oxford Co., Me., and he will arrange for you and have the guides meet you where you wish. The usual place is at Wilson's Mills which, as you know, is on the lower Magalloway. I very much hope that you will go and have a fine time. There is no other country quite like it for me, and I believe you would like it, too."

I have written to Mr. Valence asking him to let me know at Diamond Pond how much notice he would need in advance of our coming.

Mr. Stearns writes:

"Now as to our proposed trip. I have never been over in the region through which we would probably go. My brother has, but he is not up here this summer. It is possible that I can get him to come up for a week and join us. Dr. Turner, a recent Andover graduate, and for several years a member of Art's camp company has made the trip over the Hump on two occasions. He is due out here from Third Lake to-night and I shall take the first opportunity to 'pump' him. Perhaps it will seem wise to ask him to join us. He's a good woodsman and would make a good companion, I think. Unfortunately, except for occasional short fishing trips, I haven't done much tramping in the Diamond region. Most of my wanderings have been in the other direction near the Canadian line.

I think it would be best to start in from here and Second Lake, either by way of the East Inlet or the old Parmecheene (forgive spelling) trail. Turner can furnish wise judgment on that score, and I'll write again after I have seen him. I don't know how near you are to West Stewartstown, but probably you will find it easier to take the train from Colebrook either to W. Stewartstown or Teacher Falls, two miles further on, and drive down from there. If you go to the former place, take the coach to the Canada House just over the river, and Mr. Mack, the proprietor, will furnish conveyance. If the latter, the conveyance can be secured at the Riverside Hotel. The drive to our place takes about three or three and a half hours. Plan to put in at least a night here so that we shall have ample time to lay out our route and get together the materials for our packs.

The date you have suggested will require some figuring on my part, but I think I can arrange to meet it if an earlier one doesn't suit you. Bancroft and I divide the Summer work at Andover. I have been away during July and he was to have had August. But I am writing him by this mail to see if he will give me a week in August in exchange for the last week of this month. I know he will do it if other plans don't conflict. If he can't, I shall try to enlist the services of Newton, who formerly shared with me the Summer's burdens. If that fails, I still think I can work out a scheme, though about the middle of August the office work begins to thicken rapidly. While I am working on these lines you might let me know whether or not an earlier date would be possible or acceptable for you. Probably in the end August 10th will prove as practical for me as would any other date, but I am anxious to put out as many lines as I can for I don't want to lose this fish, which looks to me about as neatly and gaily as any I have encountered in this region."

I have written to him that we might possibly be able to come up on the third instead of the 10th, and have asked him to communicate with you or John Stone. If you decide to go on the 3rd, and you will make all arrangements



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for our getting up, I will be ready to start on Monday with you.

Stearns's letter was postmarked "Pittsburg." His place is called "Home Camp" and is on the First Connecticut Lake. In writing my letter to him, to which his letter is a reply, I addressed it to West Stewartstown, and it seems to have reached him promptly.

I enclose a little memorandum for Mr. Little with reference to our coming.

Very affectionately yours,

Enclosure.



July 24th, 1908.

Dear Mr. Little:

Our party, which will consist of Mrs. Speer, Miss House, the nurse, the three children and myself, will expect to reach Colebrook at eleven o'clock on Saturday morning, August 1st, and we should like to come straight up to Camp for dinner. Will you have us met? If the White Mountain Express is late and we miss connections at Wing Road, we shall reach Colebrook at 2.40 in the afternoon.

We will send our trunks on in advance, and they ought to reach Colebrook either Thursday afternoon or Thursday evening. Will you please have them taken out to Camp before we come, so that they will be in the cabin and Mrs. Speer can get at the baby's things at once?

The Shermans are not coming up until the middle of the month, so that there will be no need of re-arranging our cabin as I wrote in my last letter. Please let the beds stay just as they were, only having the baby's crib set up in the west room upstairs.

Will you please order for us from Colebrook a quart bottle of Leat's Foot oil? If we start off on a trip on Monday morning I shall need this to oil up on Saturday afternoon.

Looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you all soon, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July 28th, 1908.

My dear Thomas:

Your son, Abraham Thomas, is to give you this letter. He has been sent on here from Chicago and some of the young men in Yonkers are helping him, I believe, especially Jonathan Temraz, and I am giving him \$25.00 as a present toward his expenses back to Persia. I am glad he is going back. He ought never to have come to this country. I hope you will keep him in Persia and not let him think of returning to America.

I often think of you and of the long trip, twelve years ago, which you took with me. I don't know whether I will ever come back to Persia again, but if I do I shall hope to see you. You are having troubled days in Persia now, but surely some time peace and quiet will come back again with more prosperity than the country has ever known in these dark years that you have passed through.

With kind regards to your family, I am

Your sincere friend,

July 25th, 1908.

Mr. Jonathan Tamraz,

182 Riverdale Avenue,

Yonkers, New York.

My dear Mr. Tamraz:

Abraham Thomas has just been in to see me and tells me that money is now in sight to get him back to Persia, including in the amount the \$25.00 which I promised to provide. I enclose, herewith, a check for this amount, trusting you to get Abraham Thomas's ticket for him and seeing that he is put on the ship and started for Persia. If he does not get off this coming week, please return the enclosed check to me.

I am going to be away now until Thursday. I told Abraham that if he would come on Wednesday I would give him a suit of clothes, and then he could take one of the steamers sailing on the latter part of the week.

It may, however, be better for him to get off on Tuesday or Wednesday, in which case I cannot give him the clothes, but it would be better for him to go off without the extra suit of clothes than to stay around here too long.

I enclose, herewith, a letter to his father. Will you please give this to him to take out to his father?

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosures.



July 25th, 1906.

Mr. E.C. Buckalew,

Capitol Building,

Harrisburg, Pa.

My dear Senator:

Your good note of the 23rd is just received.

I cannot say anything now, - either yes or no - with reference to the Conference next year. It depends on the dates of the Student Conferences and our Summer arrangements in the office. You know how warm my feeling is towards Eaglesmere and how glad I am to help you at any time, but more than this I cannot say.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

July 27th, 1901.

Mr. J. H. Wilson, Railroad Agent,

Addison Junction,

Tianderoga, New York.

Dear Sir:

Will you kind reserve a lower berth for me on the train to  
New York leaving Addison Junction at 11.20 Monday night, July 27th?

Yours truly,

Mr. Eugene Wallace,  
 Superintendent, Camp Carillon,  
 Oxford County, MAINE.

Dear Sir:

My Friend, Mr. W. P. Dorrison, has given me a card of introduction for myself and two friends to the Farmington Club. I am not sure that I shall be able to take advantage of it, but it may be possible for me to come up the third or fourth week in August. Will you kindly send me a note to Diamond Pond, Via Colabrook, N.H., informing me whether in case I decide to come with my two friends you could have two guides meet us at Wilson's Mills? I should hope to be able to let you know early in August whether I am expecting to come. Will you kindly let me know in your letter how long a notice you will need in advance in order to have the guides at Wilson's Mills? and also what the charge for guides and any other expenses will be?

Very sincerely yours,

Address -

Mr. Robert E. Spear,  
 Diamond Pond,  
 Via Colabrook, N.H.



July 27th, 1908.

Mr. Henry E. Gregory,  
106 West 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Gregory:

I am sorry I have another appointment for Friday, July 31st,  
which will prevent my attending the meeting of the A.L. and D. Committee  
that afternoon.

Very cordially yours,

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1908.

The Rev. S.S. Palmer, D.D.,  
49 North Ohio Avenue,  
Columbus, OHIO.

My dear Dr. Palmer:

Your kind note of the 23rd is just received; only please don't carry out your threat never to invite me again if I cannot come for October 11th because I cannot come for that day and some day I hope very much it may be possible to come. I have already promised to go for that Sunday to Philadelphia and I cannot get away from New York for my various Synod appointments until the 13th.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Miller

July 2<sup>th</sup>, 1908.

Mr. W.L. Thatcher,

The Thatcher School,

Nordoff, CAL.

My dear Thatcher:

I have been requested to get some reliable information regarding the Rev. W. Hood MacPherson, pastor of the Ojai Church at Nordoff. His name has been mentioned to a Committee hunting for a pastor for one of our best suburban Churches. Will you tell me frankly what you think of him? Is he a strong man intellectually and spiritually? Does he have tact and social gifts? What is his general theological position? Is he a strong preacher, able to please and help very different types of people? What sort of a woman is his wife and how old are they? You know just what information a careful and conscientious Church Committee wants. Would you mind sending it to me regarding him? If he is qualified in every other way, is he strong physically? Where did he get his education?

I hope that you are well. I was sorry when I was in California two years ago that I could not get to the School.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Robert P. D.



July 27th 1908.

Mr. F. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

I return, herewith, the letters regarding Mr. MacPherson.  
I have written to Will Thatcher, whom I know very well, who was referred to  
in Miss Strong's letter.

Mr. Fink has suggested to me the Rev. James I. Vance, D.D., of  
one of the Dutch Reformed Churches in Newark. I know Dr. Vance very well.  
He was a Southern Presbyterian and is one of the best men in the neighborhood  
of New York City. I know nothing of his willingness to leave the Church in  
Newark, but that is the Church to which the Ballantines are and I should think  
the notoriety of the Church in view of the supposed prominence of brewers'  
money in it, might make him willing to consider a call elsewhere, though I don't  
know. Mrs. Rhea and Mr. Dilles know him very well. I shall try to find out  
whether he is on his vacation now. If he is not, it would be very easy to get  
over to Newark to hear him.

Very cordially yours,

Arthur C. (J)

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July 27th, 1906.

Professor Henry D. Porter,

Beloit, Mich.

My dear Professor Porter:

I am very grateful for the copy of the beautiful memorial volume of Henry Smith. It is one of the most attractive books of the kind that I have seen. I have already read bits of it and am looking forward with great pleasure to the opportunity of reading it all.

His death was a great loss to many as well as to the Cause to which he had given his life, and we can only believe that for him, as for many others taken away on the threshold or in the prime of their lives, God had larger work for them to do in a Higher Sphere.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

July 27th, 1908.

Mr. Herbert M. Hayes,  
45 West Mohawk Street,  
Buffalo, New York.

My dear Herbert:

It was a pleasure to get, yesterday, your note of July 23rd.  
I am sorry to have to say that I fear there is no chance of my coming to  
Ann Arbor for the Missionary Rally in October. I shall be out in Michigan  
but my engagements are so close together that it will not be possible to  
get to Ann Arbor between.

Dr. Dennis's new book, "The New Horizons of Missions" is a good  
missionary volume, and so are Dr. Brown's book "The Foreign Missionary" and  
Dr. Barton's "The Unfinished Task."

I hope you may have a good Summer in the Association and that you  
may be able to be of help to many.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated July 24th.



July 29th, 1908.

Mr. S. Edgar Briggs,  
158 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Briggs:

I am very much obliged for the little book of "Real Letters to Real Boys." I took it home at once and presented it to my nine-year-old boy, who was very much interested in it. His eye caught the opening letter on smoking; that interested him very much and he read that letter first.

Very cordially yours,

July 29th, 1908.

Mr. Earnest Pye,  
Faribault, MINN.

My dear Mr. Pye:

Your kind note of July 20th has been received.

I am sorry I cannot make engagements now for the academic year 1909-10. That is a little too far ahead; and in any case, my only hope of being able to get to Oberlin is in connection with some of my regular work. It is too far from New York to go out and come back just for the sake of visiting the College, greatly as I should rejoice to do this if I had the time for it.

Very cordially yours,

July 24th, 1908.

Mr. Harry W. Barr,

R.D.3,

Amanda, OHIO.

Dear Mr. Barr:

Your kind note of July 24th is just received.

I have made out my Synod itinerary for October and find that all the days that I shall have between the time I can leave New York and the time I must get back here, are taken up with the Synod appointments, so that it will not be possible for me this Fall to get to Wooster. If I find later in the year that my engagements take me near Wooster, I shall certainly try to stop off.

Very cordially yours

July 30th, 1906.

Mr. F.B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Schenck:

I return, herewith, the memorandum which you sent. I have jotted some notes next to each name. I return, also, Dr. Stewart's letter.

I am writing about "Re. Butler and Mr. MacPherson of Indianapolis.

I saw Dr. Ludlow at East Orange on Sunday and had a little talk with him about Mr. Momen who was his assistant, you will remember, and who has now gone to be Dr. Brett's assistant in the Reformed Church in Jersey City. I have never heard Mr. Momen preach, but I think we might well look into his fitness a little further before we discontinue him from our lists. Perhaps some members of the Committee could hear him preach this coming Sunday.

I leave to-morrow night to be gone through August. We shall be at Diamond Pond, when I am not out in the woods far beyond all post-offices.

Very cordially yours,

Bellevue.



July 30th, 1900.

Miss Frances E. Field,  
125 East 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Field:

Your note of July 28th is received just in time, as we are expecting to go up to Diamond Pond to-morrow evening.

The only one of my addresses at Asheville and Silver Bay which I am in form to send you promptly, is the first address I delivered at Asheville.

It was the same address which I gave at the Student Conference in Northfield eight years ago and which was reported at the time but which has never been printed. I think I have never made it since. I have revised it thorough and enclose it herewith.

If you don't use the whole of it, will you kindly send me back the manuscript, as I may want to use it some time in a book.

Very cordially yours,

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July 30th, 1908.

Principal Alfred E. Stearns,

Andover, Mass.

My dear Al:

I am sending you, herewith, a copy of Dr. Crabb's "Friendship, the Most Precious." Mrs. Stearns and I each had a copy, and I am sending you mine. I think it is a really great book with a very wonderful doctrine in it. I am sending it to you at Andover, as I suppose you will be there this coming week.

I got your two notes, and unless I hear from you to the contrary, will understand that you will be ready for the train on August 30th. If I find out, when getting to Camp, that there are any difficulties in the way, I will let you know at once. Will you be at Andover until the 9th, or will you be up at your Camp?

Affectionately your friend,

P.S. I am sending a copy of this note to you at the Camp.

Book under separate cover.

July 30th, 1903.

Mr. Oscar T. Sewell.

Grand Hotel -

Lamalou les Bains, (Herault)

My dear Mr. Sewell:

Mrs. Speer and I very much enjoyed your kind letter of June 11th, but I had not meant you to take the trouble of replying to my simple little note, and I hope that you will not spend any of your strength in answering this.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison dined with us the other evening, and Mr. Davison told us of his little visit with you. They have gone off now to spend the Summer at Black Rock on the Sound, near Bridgeport.

I suppose that Fred Duncan or Rowland Vermilye keep you informed as to the Englewood news. You will have heard, of course, of Fred's new little daughter. They have all been away this Summer and their house is rented, so that we shall not see the little newcomer until Fall.

Englewood has been dreadfully deserted this month. We hope to get away the end of this week to Northern New Hampshire, but have been at home all month and very much alone. Mr. Bulkley has been in his house alone for all of this time, his family having gone to Saranac some time ago, but with that exception nearly every house has been closed from our house clear down to the railroad station.

I don't think it has been at all a bad Summer. As always, some people complain, but I think we have gotten off very fortunately thus far. It was very trying for a time and the lawns became very brown, but during the last fortnight we have had fine rains and the country is looking beautiful again.

You will doubtless have heard of Dr. Hamilton's resignation. I think that he felt that there was little chance of his becoming well and strong in the



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to resume work this Fall, and I suspect that the expectation of resuming work was a hindrance to him in getting well. Shortly after his resignation a great sorrow came to them in the death of their little grandchild, the little child of Mrs. Falconbridge in Toronto.

Mr. Grant tells me that he is having quite a time with his foundation. A few feet down he struck rock which he seemed not to have counted on, and he has had to blast out his foundation, as you did and as the Posts had to do across from us. I should have supposed he would have taken a sounding or could have assumed that it was all rock there as soon as he got through the top soil.

We are all happy in the thought of the gain which you and Mrs. Sewell made, and are looking for you both back in the Fall, with the earnest hope that you may both be very well.

With kind regards from us all, I am

Your sincere friend,

July 31st, 1908.

Mr. James B. Bailey,

Harrisburg, PA.

My dear Jim:

Your kind letter of July 24th has been received.

Backalew had already written regarding the Eaglesmere Conference in 1909. I told him that there was no place that I would rather go to a Conference than one held in Pennsylvania, but that I felt that the Summer Student Conferences had first claim upon my time, and doubted very much whether it would be possible for me to come next Summer. Of course, the opportunity of being with you and Caroline and Ed and Elizabeth would be a strong inducement, and if it works out so that I can come I shall be glad to do so.

We are hoping to leave on Friday evening for Diamond Pond.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. (H) Allen.

Dictated July 27th.

July 31st, 1906.

Mr. Henry M. Tifft,  
106 West 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Tifft:

I am happy to have to say that I shall have to be away from New York next Tuesday, though I am sorry my absence will prevent my attending the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Asylum. Will you kindly present my excuse?

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert S. Allen*

August 1st, 1906.

Professor E.A. Wicher, D.D.,  
San Anselmo, Cal.

My dear Dr. Wicher:

I am very much obliged for your letter of July 23rd with the enclosed newspaper article on "The Remittance Man." I have already read it in part and shall read it all. I am very glad to have it. It is a very interesting world that we are in, and there are more types of people in it than any one of us can get acquainted with.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert S. Allen*

Dictated July 28th.



August 2nd, 1901.

Miss Mary Breese Fuller,  
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Mary:

I presume that you are away from Northampton, and I am in doubt as to your address. I hope that you are having a good Summer wherever you are. We are hoping to get off to Diamond Pond to-morrow.

I am writing now to ask just one personal question. Mr. Hamilton resigned and we are looking for a pastor for our Church in Englewood. Among the names suggested has been the name of Mr. Butler of Northampton, but I have been told that his wife is a member of the Unitarian Church. Can you tell me whether this is the case? Or does she earnestly believe, as we do, regarding our Lord Jesus Christ?

With warm regards from us all, I am

Your sincere friend,

Dictated July 23th.

August 3rd, 1906.

To Rev. John W. Paris,  
419 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia/ Pa.

My dear Mr. Paris:

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

I had already thought of the possibility of using the biographical sketch of Wallace in some book later, either in a companion volume to "Young Men Who Overcame," or in some volume of missionary sketches. I have kept a copy of the unabridged sketch for this purpose, and I shall be very much obliged if, when the shorter sketch is published in FORWARD, you will send me one or two extra copies of it.

Mr. Miller wrote recently with reference to the next articles in my series on "A Christian's Habits." I have written two of them, which have not yet been typewritten, and shall send them as soon as possible.

Very cordially yours,

Robert E. Pfeiffer

August 2nd, 1908.

Rev. Matthew B. Haines,

Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mr. Haines:

The pastor of the Church in Englewood, N.J., of which I am a member - Dr. J. M. Hamilton - has resigned on account of ill health, after a year's faithful effort to get well. We are now looking for a pastor. Among those whose names have been suggested is the name of the Rev. Neil McPherson of Indianapolis. Do you think that he will suit us? We have one of the best situated Churches around New York, made up of very composite elements, liberal and conservative people desiring an evangelistic minister and stressing an ethical; some wanting an old man, and some a young. It is a Church of a very high level of intelligence, of as fine people as I have met anywhere, who want a man of intellectual ability, of social tact and experience, and with a wife with the same qualities; a man of spiritual experience and discernment, a man who will be both a man of God and a man among men. We want no faddist or orator or revolutionist, but a man who will wear for a life time, and who can fit in to every class and need. I wish very much that you would feel free to write frankly your opinion of Mr. McPherson's adaptations to such a field.

With warm regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,



August 3rd, 1905

The Rev. H.C. Hayden, D.D.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Hayden:

The pastor of the Church in Englewood, N.J., of which I am a member - Dr. J.M. Hamilton - has resigned on account of ill health, after a year's fruitless effort to get well. We are now looking for a pastor. Among those whose names have been suggested is the name of the Rev. A.J. Alexander, formerly pastor of the Beckwith Presbyterian Church. Do you think that he will suit us? We have one of the best suburban Churches around New York, made up of very intelligent elements, - liberal and conservative, people desiring an evangelistic ministry and others an ethical; some wanting an old man, and some a young. It is a Church of a very high level of intelligence, of as fine people as I have met anywhere, with a high degree of intellectual ability, of social tact and experience and discernment. We want a man who will be both a man of God and a man among men. He must be a faithful pastor or revolutionist, but more who will wear for a life time, and who can fit in to every class and need. I wish very much that you would feel free to write frankly your opinion of Mr. Alexander's adaptations to such a field.

With warm regard, I am

Very sincerely yours,

August 5th, 1908.

The Rev. James B. Ely, D.D.,  
1328 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, PA.

Dear Dr. Ely:

Your letter of August 4th reached Mr. Speer's office this morning. During his absence from the city I would say that Mr. Speer is hoping to speak at Rochester, N.Y. on Sunday, September 6th, and it will therefore be impossible for him to give the talks which you suggest. The Rev. F.W. Bible, 625 Arch Street, Philadelphia, one of our young men from China, is now at home on furlough and might be available for that Sunday. He has met with splendid success in the different churches which he has visited. Could you not try to get him to come to the rally at Yonon Hill?

Cordially yours,  
*Wm. L. E. Speer*  
Secretary to Mr. Speer.

August 5th, 1908.

Mrs. Edgar O. Silver,  
X Silver, Burdett and Company,  
McGraw Building, West 38th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Silver:

In Mr. Speer's absence from the city, I would acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 4th, inviting Mr. Speer to speak at a Foreign Missionary Conference of the North Orange Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, November 6th. I don't very much whether Mr. Speer will be able to make it possible to come on that day, as he will just have returned from a visit among our Presbyterian Synods in the Central West, and will need every hour he can get in the offices to catch up with the correspondence which will have accumulated. However, it may be practicable for him to come, and your letter will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Very cordially yours,

*James O. Speer*  
Secretary to Mr. Speer.



August 5th, 1908.

Mr. F. M. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Schenck:

During Mr. Speer's absence, and in accordance with his request, I would quote, herewith, a reply received this morning from the Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon, in answer to Mr. Speer's enquiry regarding the qualifications of Mr. Babcock:

"Your letter of the 20th follows me here to this mountain resort. In something of haste, therefore, I write you a word.

Mr. Babcock is highly esteemed in the Synod and in his own city. I have never heard him preach, so I cannot give you anything like an estimate of his ability along that line. His social gifts and his common sense are unquestioned.

He preaches this Summer in Baltimore, occupying the pulpit of his lamented brother. You could ascertain very readily, on that account, his pulpit ability, it appears to me.

"We should be extremely sorrowful to lose Babcock from our Synod, where he is doing excellent work."

I shall further any further replies to Mr. Speer's enquiries as soon as they are received.

Cordially yours,

*Wm. H. Foulkes*  
Secretary to Mr. Speer.

August 7th, 1908.

Mr. George M. Duff,  
Carnegie, Pa.

My dear Mr. Duff,

In Mr. Spear's absence from the City, I would acknowledge the receipt of your letter of recent date. When Mr. Spear returns, - the week in September - your note will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

  
Secretary to Mr. Spear.

August 26th, 1900.

Mr. P. T. Schenck,  
 Liberty National Bank,  
 New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

In Mr. Spear's mail this morning, the following has come from Professor Haydn of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, with reference to the Rev. A. Alexander, formerly pastor of the Beulah Presbyterian Church:

"Isn't you crowding a good deal into one man? Alexander is quite your standard of intelligence - to me a very interesting man and preacher. As we have known him, not too rational, but conversant with the modern way of looking at the scriptures without feeling obliged to accept extreme views - to me, the only way intelligently to come at the Holy Book to genuine edification is to go out. He is an agreeable man socially, the best given to running about on his alleged ministerial staff. I think he saw he had made a mistake and tried to amend it before he got too near - the mistake of not trying to ingratiate himself with all sorts of conditions of men. At our time he seemed to have collected many the wrong way. He will suit the intellectual sort best. He did not, for some reason, draw me to him, & I can hardly tell why. I don't know about his 'social tact' and the 'fit into every class and need.' You had such a man? Fifty you couldn't have kept him, for I think they are hard to find, covering all those requirements. I could hardly say I believe Alexander up to it, and yet much of this program he could fill. It is as near as I can answer. Confidentially, of course."

Professor Haydn's writing isn't very legible, but I believe I have transcribed it almost accurately.

Cordially yours,

*James A. Doan*  
 Secretary to Mr. Spear.

I have just received your acknowledgment of yesterday, for which I



August 17th, 1908.

Mr. P. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

I enclose herewith an extract  
from a letter of the Rev. M. L. Haines in re-  
gard to the qualifications of Dr. Neil McPherson  
for the Englewood Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Spear.

August 18th, 1908.

Miss J. Steele,

Sanit Ste Marie,

Ontario, Canada.

My dear Miss Steele:-

Your letter of August 12th has been received in Mr. Speer's absence from the city.

In reply, I would say that it will be impossible for him to accept your kind invitation for October 12th, as he has to be here until that date and then leaves for a series of meetings among the Synods in the West.

Trusting that you may succeed in getting a good speaker for the meeting, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*May Higgins*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

August 19th, 1908.

The Rev. J. Fraser Evans,  
62 Pearl Street,  
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of August 17th, inviting Mr. Speer to speak in Springfield on September 15th or 20th, has come in his absence from the office.

I feel sure that Mr. Speer would be glad to be of service to you if it were possible, but he already has engagements for both the Sundays you mention, and, in fact, for every Sunday until next spring. I will, of course, bring your letter to his attention immediately upon his return, which will be about the 1st of September.

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert E. Speer*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.



August 21st, 1906.

Miss Grace Curtis Glenn,  
48 Randolph St.,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Miss Glenn:-

Your note of the 19th has just been received.

Mr. Speer's appointment at Wayne, Nebraska for the 20th of October has been cancelled, which leaves that date free. Whether he could come from St. Paul, where he is to be on the 18th, and speak for you in Chicago on the 20th, and then get to Sioux City on the 21st, - I do not know. You will, however, hear from him as soon as possible after his return to the office.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mary E. Lytle*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert A. Speer.

August 22nd, 1908.

Mrs. A. G. Coolman,

Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Coolman:-

Your kind note, inviting Mr. Spear to stay at your home when in Plainfield this fall, has been received in his absence. He is expecting to return about the 1st of September, and you will doubtless hear from him shortly after.

Very sincerely yours,

(Handwritten signature)  
Secretary to Mr. Spear.

August 25th, 1908.

Mr. P. B. Schenck,

Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

The following letter from Mr. Sherman Day Thacher, of the Teacher School, Nordoff, California, was received in Mr. Spear's mail this morning. Mr. S. or wrote to Mr. William L. Thacher in regard to the Rev. W. Hood MacPherson, pastor of the Ojai church at Nordoff.

"Your letter of July 27th to my brother William has come to me in his absence in the Hawaiian Islands. He will reply to it after his return about September 3rd. Meantime, if you care for the opinion of a very layman, I might say that Mr. MacPherson is one of the most satisfactory preachers I have ever listened to anywhere. He is a thoroughly educated Scotchman, a graduate I think of St. Andrew's. At any rate, he lived there, and learned his golf at that fountain head! (has St. Andrew's a university, or is it only a golf course?) He was for some years a pastor in Scotland, and has been in Michigan, and now for a couple of years in the Ojai, besides some other places with which I am not familiar. As a preacher he is clear and forcible and intelligent and of good taste. I am at the farthest remove from orthodoxy, so that my opinion would not be precisely what you would care much for; but you will understand that Mr. MacPherson is not doctrinal or dogmatic when I tell you that I enjoy his sermons. He is a great admirer of Drummond. I do not think Mr. MacPherson would be successful in any revival work, and while in the pulpit I do not feel that he is a very effective force in the church or community. He is a thorough Scotchman, slow-minded in practical affairs, and a little gauche and tiresome as one meets him in every day life.

Mrs. MacPherson is a typical Scotch pastor's wife, who effaces herself in all her visible relations to her husband and to church work, taking the utmost care of his comfort. She is amiable and perfectly reasonable, but a very simple kind of woman.

I fancy their age is not far from forty-eight. He looks like a strong man physically, but he is troubled with his digestion, and somewhat with insomnia. He very likely would not wish to go into the eastern climate.

I have been very frank and of course you will regard this letter as confidential. I feel like emphasizing again the very great satisfactoriness of his preaching. He is the kind of man who would bring cultivated and intelligent people to church who might be very tired of ordinary preaching; but he might not suit those who wish to have ardent



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religious feeling forcibly developed. He is mighty interesting and satisfactory, and I should be very sorry indeed to have him go."

Very sincerely yours,

*Miss Mary R. G. G. G.*

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Spear.

August 24th, 1908.  
August 25th, 1908.

Prof. E. P. Hallenbeck,

"Beth-Shean"

Thousand Island Park, N. Y.

My dear Prof. Hallenbeck:-

Your note of the 24th, inviting Mr. Speer to speak at the Fifth Avenue Church some evening next winter, has just been received.

I note that you desire an early reply, but am wondering if this could wait until Mr. Speer's return, which will be about the 1st of September. We have been endeavoring to keep all office correspondence from him during his vacation, so that he might have a thorough rest and not be troubling him just now.

Very sincerely yours, you can see by the information of Mr. Propaganda. He is a distinguished scholar and a most reliable friend for him.

Secretary to Mr. Robert B. Speer.

(This) Henry H. B. Speer.  
Secretary to Mr. Robert B. Speer.

August 27th, 1908.

Mr. P. B. Schenck,

Liberty National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

You may be interested in the following letter from

Mr. Lewis Lamman, received this morning in Mr. Speer's mail:

"I understand the church at Englewood is vacant. I want to recommend for the place the Rev. Bartoll Prentice of Nyack, N.Y. Mr. Prentice was in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, and I considered him then as the ablest young man in the ministry that I knew. He has been at Nyack some time and is very successful there. He knows nothing of this letter, but I happen to know that there are school problems that are troubling him just now with reference to his children and I think Englewood would solve them. If you know Dr. May of the Board of Missions, you can get the fullest information of Mr. Prentice. He is a fine gentleman, a scholar and a devoted Christian, and his wife is a fit mate for him."

Very sincerely yours,

*(Miss) Mary O. Hughes*

Secretary to Mr. Robert L. Speer.



September 8th, 1908.

The Rev. H. P. Daubenspeck,

Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Mr. Daubenspeck:-

Your kind note of September 3rd has been received and I write at the first opportunity in reply.

I wish I could accept your cordial invitation, but I have already other engagements for next Sunday which will prevent my coming out to Huntingdon. I hope to go out on the Monday night train so as to have Tuesday morning with my sisters, and I shall come back to New York the same night.

Thanking you heartily for your kind letter, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 8th, 1906.

Mr. N. W. Rowell,

46 King Street, West,

Toronto, Canada.

My dear Mr. Rowell:-

Your very kind letter of September 4th is just received to-day. I only returned to New York on Saturday and yesterday was a legal holiday, so that this is my first day in the office for some weeks.

A great deal of work has accumulated here, which will prevent my going far away from New York, and I have already engagements for September 13th, 15th, 17th, 18th, and 20th, which would make it impossible for me to be in Canada that week. I had not known until Mr. White telephoned to me at my home yesterday, and your letter came to-day, that I was being counted upon for help in this campaign in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. I am very sorry for any disappointment which my inability to come may cause.

My failure to receive your letter until this morning will explain why I did not telegraph to Mr. Armstrong on Saturday as you requested.

I hope that you and your family are all well, and I trust that the campaign in Eastern Canada may meet with great success.

Very cordially yours,

September 27th, 1906.

The Rev. William L. Mudge,

Lewistown,

Pa.

My dear Will:-

I expect to come out to Huntington next week on the Monday night Pacific Express, reaching Huntington at 3.50, and shall expect to come up to Birmingham on the train leaving Huntington at 1.40 and reaching Birmingham at 2.12. As I understand from your letter, this will give me ample time to get over to the church before the meeting.

I shall have to come back to New York on the train that night, leaving Birmingham at 9.33.

Very cordially yours,



September 8th, 1906.

Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Agent,  
Altoona,  
Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly reserve me a berth from Altoona to  
New York on the Eastern Express Tuesday night, September 15th?  
I shall expect to get on the train at Birmingham, where I believe  
it is due at 9.30 P.M.

Yours truly,

September 8th, 1908.

Mr. John Leal,

Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mr. Leal:-

Your good letter of yesterday is just received.

I am expecting to be at Plainfield next Sunday.

Will you kindly let me know the hour of the morning service?

I believe it is eleven o'clock, and if this is correct, please

do not take the trouble to write, as I shall understand if I do not hear from you that it is at eleven.

I have several invitations for the day, one from Mrs. Cochran and one from Mr. Andrews, and shall accept one or the other of these. Will you please accept Mr. and Mrs. Harwood for their most cordial invitation through you?

Very cordially yours,

September 8th, 1908.

Mr. Fred K. Andrews,

Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Fred:-

We go back to New York safely on Saturday after a most delightful month at Diamond Pond.

I am looking forward now with great pleasure to next Sunday at Plainfield. I shall expect to come out Saturday evening on one of the late trains, probably the train reaching Plainfield at 9.46. Please do not trouble to meet me. I shall come right up to your house.

I hope that Louise is entirely well again and that all your anxiety is over.

With much love to her and Mrs. Andrews and yourself,

Ever affectionately yours,



September 8th, 1908.

Mrs. Annie C. Cochran,  
1235 Watchung Ave.,  
Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Cochran:-

Your very kind note, inviting Mrs. Speer and me to stay with you next Sunday in Plainfield, has been received.

I am sorry to say that Mrs. Speer will not be coming out with me, and I think I shall not be able to get out until late Sunday evening, and I have already accepted Dr. Williams' invitation to stay with him. I wish Mrs. Speer could come and we could have more than just the assurance that there will be a visit to the friends in Plainfield.

Sam was in this morning and we had a few minutes together.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and me,

Your sincere friend

September 8th, 1908.

Mrs. W. D. W. Miller,

309 East 7th St.,

Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Miller:-

Your very kind letter of August 31st has been received.

Mrs. Speer and I appreciate very much the cordial letters we have come from Plainfield, inviting us to visit our friends, and we wish we could accept them all. She will not be able to come with me, and I have already accepted an invitation from Mr. Andrews.

Thanking you heartily for your kind letter, and hoping to see you on Sunday, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 1, 1908.

Mr. William D. Beery,

Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mr. Beery:-

Your kind note of July 31st was received while I was away on vacation and I found it waiting for me on returning.

I appreciate heartily your cordial invitation, but have already accepted Mr. Fred Andrews' invitation.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you, and with kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

September 6th, 1908.

Mr. William D. Beery,

Plainfield,

N. J.

My dear Mr. Beery:-

Your kind note of August 5th has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I have already other engagements which will make it impossible for me to be there on the 8th or 9th.

Very cordially yours,



September 25th, 1903.

Mr. C. H. Chase,

Allentown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chase:-

Your kind note of August 29th is duly received and was acknowledged in my absence.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation to speak at the Conference October 9th to 11th.

I very much enjoy attending such conferences and would be glad to come if I could.

Very sincerely yours,

September 24th, 1906.

The Rev. E. P. Hallenbeck, D.D.,

"Beth-Shean,"

Thousand Island Park, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Hallenbeck:-

On returning to New York, I find your card note of August 24th, which was acknowledged in my absence.

I should be very glad to spend for one of the Sunday evenings in January when I am to be with you in the afternoon, but I have already promised those evenings to Mr. Duffield, of the First Church.

As he is a friend of mine and it may be that he will have changed his plans and will not want me for all those evenings, and in that case I shall be glad to accept your invitation, but, for the present, I must hold them all for him.

Very cordially yours,

September 9th, 1908.

Mr. Rev. J. Ross Stevenson,  
Wilmington,  
Mass.

My dear Ross:-

I got back to New York on Saturday and found your good letter of August 11th, which had been acknowledged during my absence.

I shall be very glad to speak at the meeting on the evening of December 21st. Are there any books or industries of the church which would give me material for the address you want me to make?

I have down the first four Sunday evenings in January, and should be glad to come for the fifth Sunday also if I could, but that Sunday I have promised to go to Pettstown.

I hope that you and Mrs. Stevenson and the boys have had a good summer. We had a fine rest at Diamond Pond.

Hoping to see you soon, and with kind regards to Mrs.

Stevenson,

Your sincere friend,



September 24, 1901.

Mr. E. Blake McDonald,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Mr. McDonald:-

On returning to New York I find awaiting me your letters with reference to a visit to Ann Arbor, but am sorry to have to say that I see no possibility of being able to come. I looked the matter up when Albert Hayes wrote and found that I could not work it in in connection with my other engagements in October. I appreciate the good will and the opportunity and sincerely trust that you may start off the work well, but it will not be possible for me to come.

Very cordially yours,

September 9th, 1909.

Frank Cross,

Young Men's Christian Association,

Chester, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

On returning to New York I find your note of August 5th.

I note again that you speak of my having promised Mr. Jucheltree to address one of your Men's Meetings. I remember very well the pleasant talk with Mr. Jucheltree on the matter, but I made no such promise and am sorry to say that I see no possibility of being able to come for any day. I have my schedule practically completed and it calls for all my Sundays, leaving none free that I could use in coming to Chester in response to your kind invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

September 9th, 1906.

Dr. Herbert E. Baright,

23 Union Square,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Baright:-

On returning to the office I find your notes of  
August 10th and 21st.

I have written the notes of Schu for the first five chapters,  
and shall go on with the work as I may be able. I hope it may not be  
necessary to make the notes cover more than three volumes.

Very sincerely yours,



September 10th, 1900.

Mr. Alfred S. Day,

220 South Howard St.,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Day:-

Your kind note of September 9th is just received.

I have been here only a few days or I would have written long before this in answer to your letter, which I found awaiting me.

I am very sorry it will not be possible for me to come to the Convention in Hagerstown. If I can get away from New York at all at that time, I must go to the Layman's Missionary Conference, which are to be held in Boston. I hope that you may have a thoroughly good meeting in Hagerstown, and am sorry that I cannot be with you.

Very sincerely yours,

September 10th, 1903.

Miss Gertrude Coram,

513 Delaware Avenue,

Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Miss Coram:-

Your very kind note of September 6th has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come up to Smith on the days you mention. I fear that my only hope of visiting you will be as heretofore--in connection with my annual visit to Buffalo, where I expect to be this year on May 16th. All my Sundays which fall within the college year are already taken.

Very cordially yours,

September 10th, 1908.

Mr. Charles Canill,

Chester Crest,

Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Dear Deacons:-

I wrote you a little note last night from Englewood, and am getting in my office this morning and your letter of the 8th.

We will find an opportunity of getting that square soon before long, and I hope that very soon you will be out on your own job.

I wrote John Stone this morning about you, and, if I can, shall be out tomorrow afternoon to see you, and then I want to write Mordecai, so that he can be on the track of some good work for you as soon as you are ready for it.

I rejoice that you are keeping near to Christ. I know He is not going to fail you, and I believe you are not going to fail Him. We often speak about you at home, and Mrs. Spear and Elliott and Margaret will want to see you there as soon as you can come.

Your sincere friend,



September 13th, 1908.

Miss Margaret Jackson,

The Century Company,

Union Square, New York City.

My dear Miss Jackson:

I return herewith in one package all the material which you gave me for the material of Alice. I think all Miss Spence's letters are in a separate envelope so marked. I trust I have not failed to return anything. If I have, will you kindly let me know?

If you wish to see it again, I shall be glad to send you also the final copy of the manuscript before giving it to the printer. It embodied your various suggestions and corrections, and I have gone over it several times, revising it carefully. There will be, of course, opportunity to make any minor changes in the proof, and I shall be glad to have an extra set of proofs furnished, to be gone over by you, if you would rather do that than go over the manuscript again.

I hope that you have had some rest this summer, and with kind regards from Mrs. Spence and myself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Sept. 11th, 1900.

My dear Mr. Cooper:

Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Mr. Cooper:

We came down Friday night, reaching home Saturday, all very well and much the better for our rest.

It was a great pleasure to get your note regarding John. I hope he may prove to be all that is hoped for him.

I have just had a long call from Mr. Clayton D. Cooper, of the College Department of the Young Men's Christian Association, with reference to the first Bible Convention for college students, which is to be held in Columbus the last week in October. I had intended to attend the convention, but had been counting on going so early next week to the Western Synod to Pottstown for my Sunday engagement October 25th. Mr. Cooper wants me to be in Columbus on the 25th, however, and to ask you whether I could exchange that day for October 11th at the Hill School as I have the 11th still free. I told Mr. Cooper that I was sure other arrangements had been made for the Hill, and that, more-over, only two weeks after my visit at the Hill the last week in September; but he wanted me to write, asking whether the change would be practicable. Please don't go to any trouble in the matter. If it is, I shall be glad to accept the change to suit the convention program, but if not, I shall stay at home and come to Pottstown for the 25th and stay in.

September 24th, 1903.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,  
1116 Park Avenue,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

It was a great pleasure to get your note, written on the way down to Baltimore. I hope it may not be long before you will be back here in the city again.

I wrote the Deacon last night, and found awaiting me at the office a good letter from him this morning. I shall try to get up to see him to-morrow.

We ought to be thinking at once of possible work for him. Mrs. Spear thinks that nothing would suit him better, probably, than the post of a Manager. In that case, I suppose he would have to get some experience in one of the automobile schools after leaving Chester Creek. We might be able to find him a position in Englewood, but it is possible that he would be happier in a place like Norristown, and after seeing the Deacon to-morrow, I think I shall write to Horace, asking him to be on the watch, so that as soon as the Deacon comes out we can have him take work, inquiring also if Horace knows of any opening for him in an automobile.

I enclose herewith a check for \$3.70, covering Stearn's and Mendenhall's shares in the Hellgate Hotel bill, and the things you got in Boston for Mrs. Spear—the Harroath plaster paste, etc.

We have had a lovely week here since coming back, but it has



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been harder than ever to get broken into the miseries of civilization again after the laziness of our beds and meals in the woods.

I think we had a happier summer than ever. And nobody could be around more than we without learning some lessons in unselfishness and kindness.

With much love from us all,

Ever affectionately yours,

September 10th, 1908.

Rev. John Timothy Stone,

1416 Park Avenue,

Baltimore, MD.

Many many thanks. With best love to you and yours.

Robert E. Meyer.

October 18th, 1902.

Wm. O. Silver,  
 Burdett and Co.,  
 West 35th Street, McGraw Building,  
 New York City.

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Your very kind note of August 5th was received and acknowledged while I was away from New York, and I write as soon as possible after returning to thank you for your cordial invitation. I am sorry to have to say, though, that it will not be possible for me to accept. My schedule for the Fall is already about as full as I can make it, and I have had to resist from making further appointments that would cut in to the time which are inadequate now for the work that has to be done.

It may be that we shall have some good missionaries here this time, and if so and any of them are in the neighborhood of Orange should be very glad to place you in correspondence with them.

Trusting that the Society may have a successful year's work.

Very sincerely yours,

September 11th, 1900.

My dear Margaret:

I was delighted to get your note the other day, but very sorry to hear of the great trouble in Mary's trouble with her eye. I hope that the sight of that eye may be saved and that the other eye may not be affected at all.

I wrote to Mr. Westmeyer the other day, thanking him for his kind invitation, telling him that I had already engagements for both the 15th and the 16th which made it impossible for me to spend either of these Sundays at Huntington. I shall have to come out on the night train, however, leaving New York on Monday evening, reaching Huntington early Tuesday morning, and can be with you for breakfast and lunch, going on the 1.40 to Birmingham. I shall have to start back to New York the same night. I wish as far as possible to stop off for a few nights in some of the little roadings about over the Hills.

I remember still the picnic we had when Emma and I were in the tinclow now years ago. I long to be able to go back and visit all the old valleys and hill tops. I will be glad, however, for the moment to leave Tuesday morning anyhow.

With much love to you all, I am

Yours truly,  
 Wm. Westmeyer,  
 Birmingham, Ala.



September 11th, 1901.

Dr. David H. Brown,

157 West Street,

New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter of August 27th was received and acknowledged during a absence from New York. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I have already arrangements for visiting every Sunday this Fall and Winter.

Very sincerely yours,

September 11th, 1903.

Mr. Eden H. Dallantyne,  
4810 Germantown Avenue,  
Philadelphia, PA.

My Dear Mr. Dallantyne:

Your letter of August 14th was received and acknowledged while I was away from New York. I am sorry to have to say that I fear it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I have already a very full schedule for this Fall and have had to desist from adding any further appointments.

I would suggest your getting the Rev. F. W. White, one of our young ministers from Church at home on Furlough, whose address is 5035 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. White is one of our best missionary speakers.

Very sincerely yours,

September 11th, 1900.

Mr. Will R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the corporation and trustees of the M. W. Harmon Boys' School at No. 10, Warren St. September 11th, but I have engagements for Sunday and Monday and Tuesday, which will prevent my coming.

I enclose, however, a few back numbers for the EXCISE.

I hope that May enjoyed her stay at Diamond Pond and got a real rest there.

Very affectionately yours,

Encl. 2 nos.



September 12th, 1900.

Mr. J. H. Garfield,

Williamstown, Mass.

My dear President Garfield:

Your kind note of September 7th has been received.

I have put down definitely on my schedule my visit to Williamstown for September 12th, and shall look forward with much pleasure to seeing at that time.

I have seen in the papers the report of Dr. Hopkins' death, and was very much surprised as I had not thought that he could be so near the end of his work here.

It is a great pleasure to think of you as the head of the College, and I most heartily hope that under your administration the College may do some ever greater things than it has ever known before, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 10th, 1907.

Mr. Edmund W. Soper,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Soper:

On returning to New York last Saturday I found your kind note of August first.

I don't remember now just what my traveling expenses to Silver Lake were, but I know they were over eight dollars, and I would suggest that amount as a legitimate charge against the traveling expense account of the Conference.

Very sincerely yours,

September 10th, 1908.

Dr. Samuel B. Capen,  
350 Washington Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Capen:

Your kind letter of July 31st, acknowledging during my absence, I found awaiting me on my return last week.

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept the invitation to speak at the American Board Meeting in New York on October 14th, but I have to be in the West at that time, speaking Wednesday night in Michigan and going on from there to keep engagements immediately following in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. I have never been present, I think, at any of the meetings of the American Board, but am sorry that I cannot do this year.

Very cordially yours,



September 10th, 1900.

Mr. L. H. H. H. H.,

Mr. H. H. H. H.

My dear Mr. H. H. H.:

Your kind note of the 1st of last is received.

I am sorry I cannot meet your request, but I do not have a single photograph. As I am the least likely of business men to have any. Mr. H. H. H. is so handsome, though, that his picture will do for both of us.

Very cordially yours,

September 21st, 1908.

Principal Alfred E. Stearns,  
Andover, Mass.

My dear Sir:

Your good letter of August 24th, with its enclosed check, came a few days before I left Camp. I wrote to Mr. Stone about it and we were at first supposed to be kinder and send the check back, but in view of the fact that we were for next year I did, we decided to be docile. We will look back on this trip as one of the most delightful experiences of the summer, and we must certainly have a longer one next year.

Two weeks after that Mr. Stone, Strong, Coleman and I went over to Parachene. I had an introduction to the Club from a friend who is a member of it. We went to Parachene and stayed at the Parachene Club. The people were very good, but not as great as we had expected; but we saw lots of good things that morning from our picnic place. We had a great time. Going in on the 11th, however, we had to take public and go on the 12th, which was very expensive, and it wasn't the same as the 11th, the 12th. We like to take our own stuff and go into the woods alone and make out our own do next year. We can go over the Parachene Road, which is the best of the kind, and see all we want of Parachene country. I think, without intruding on the Parachene Club, and we can then go on the way we want to or can take a horse road which, as far as I can judge, would be very plain and easy going right out to the settlements at Wilson's Mills, and then we can cross over to Hall's to and come back to our Camp. We can then spend a day and the few days of living at the Parachene Club house.

I hope that Mrs. Stearns and the children are safe home now with you,

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as you are all well rested from the summer, and that the new year  
may be the best that you have had in the school. I shall look forward with  
much pleasure to my visit with you if you have any winter here during  
the winter. Instead of putting them in at a hotel you will come and stay with  
me.

Very affectionately : Mrs.

Wichita, Sept. 10th.



r. C.C. Trumbull,

My Dear Charlie:

Your good letters of August 4th and September 4th have been received. I got back from my vacation on Saturday, having had a splendid rest. I hope that you and Aline have had a good Summer and are both well and strong.

I was delighted to get the little poem by Mabel Earle. She seems to be a remarkable woman and one of the best little things I have seen in recent years have been written by her.

That text in Ezekiel to which you refer has long been a favorite of mine, ever since I read Barbara McAndrew's poem - "Ezekiel." If you have never read this, I think you would enjoy doing so. It is published in a little book by Thomas Nelson and Sons, entitled "Ezekiel and Other Poems."

I cannot, from my own knowledge, give you an answer to your question regarding books on heredity, but the American Library Association Catalogue names

- Hughes's "The Mind"
- Galton's "Hereditary Genius"
- Morgan's "Heredity and Instinct"
- Romane's "Darwin and After Darwin."

I should think it would be safe to recommend these.

I enclose, herewith, a few of the Young People's Column articles. These complete, I think, the work up to December 31st.

Will you not be coming over this way soon? Please be sure to come whenever you are over.

Ever affectionately yours,

Enclosure.

Mr. Trumbull - 2.

P.S. - I enclose, herewith, a review of Scott's "Apologetic of the New Testament." I wrote it before going away on a vacation but had no opportunity to revise it until I returned.

Enclosures.

August 10, 1900.

Mr. W. H. H. H.

Dear Sir,

H. H.

My dear Mr. H. H.:-

Your letter of August 10th was received by me during my vacation, and I wrote to Mr. Toms, as you requested, but have had no reply from him, and a note received from Mr. Toms. Mr. Thomas, as I have learned of the fact, has led me to believe that he has already made other arrangements. If so, I presume he will expect to remain in power this coming year.

Very cordially yours,



September 20th, 1868.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson,

207 North Main,

Springfield, Mass.

My dear Miss Johnson:

Your kind note of August 25th was duly re-

ceived.

The brief sketch of Aline for the Young People's  
Missionary Tract Society has been already printed, I believe.  
I have not seen it as yet, however, but I shall be glad to see any  
revision of Miss Davidson's name. In the former sketch, which is  
just completed now, I have not put Miss Davidson's name.  
I am just sending the final manuscript to Miss Margaret for her re-  
vision.

Very cordially yours,

September 18th, 1900.

Mr. D. D. Shattuck,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Shattuck,

I should be very glad to write a short article for the series which you mention in your letter of September 4th, although I would rather write it under the title, "Some Good Books" than the title, "Books that Have helped me most," for I think it is a very difficult thing for the average man to pick out the books that have really most influenced him.

Very cordially yours,

September 11th, 1908.

Mr. C. R. Bell,

Amiston, Ala.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of August 10th was forwarded to me from  
Northfield.

I appreciate your kind invitation but shall not be able  
to accept it. I have already all the work that I can hope to care  
for in connection with my immediate responsibilities to the Foreign  
Mission work of our Church.

Very truly yours,



September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1903.

Mr. Thomas H. Baker,

and family,

Maryland.

My dear Mr. Baker:-

Your very kind note of September 21<sup>st</sup> is received.

I wish I could accept your invitation, but I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until next June. I have been interested in the new institution ever since I heard of it some years ago, and wish it were possible for me to come down to see the work.

Very sincerely yours,

September 11th, 1908.

Mr. W. B. Le Gange,

215 West 23rd Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Le Gange:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

I am always glad to help in any way I can in the work of the  
associations here in the city. If I find, in the winter, that I  
can be of any service to you, I shall be very glad, but my work has  
not altogether developed yet for the winter, and I cannot tell until  
later whether I shall have any time in which I can be of help to you.

Very sincerely yours,

September 11th, 1908.

Mr. Lansing G. Wetmore,

Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wetmore:-

Your very kind note of the 8th is just received.

I had a very pleasant day in Rochester, and was much enjoyed speaking to the people. I was sorry not to see you, but glad that you would have a Sunday out of town with your family.

There was no mistake in the amount which Dr. Hallock needed me.

I thank you very heartily for your invitation to come back next year, and I shall be glad to do so if, as the time draws near, I find that it is possible.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,



September 12th, 1901.

The Rev. William D. Armington, D.D.,

530 Delaware Avenue,

Toledo, OHIO.

My dear Dr. Armington:

Your kind note of September 10th has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your  
invitation to attend the Lake Side Bible Conference next August, but  
I am either away on my own vacation then, or because of the absence of  
others on their vacation I have to be here in the offices.

Very cordially yours,



September 14th, 1900.

Mr. T. C. Woodman,

Morrisstown, N. C.

My dear Mr. Woodman:-

Your kind note of September 11th is just received.

I should be glad to accept your invitation if I could, but I am already engaged, I think, for all of my Sundays for the school year. If any of them were in Morrisstown, I should be glad to come for the afternoon service, but none of them are in that neighborhood.

Very cordially yours,



September 14th, 1908.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,  
Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

I was glad to get this morning your letter of the 11th containing the Deacon's letter.

I went out to see him last Friday. I had had a letter from him before going, and John Stone had one from him, which he sent to me. I have had a letter from him since my visit also. I enclose both his letters to me. Will you kindly return them? I am sending you also a little pamphlet regarding the institution.

As you will see from the Deacon's letter to me, he has given up the idea of going over to China etc. At the same time, I am writing to him that if he thinks it is best, and Mr. Avery advises it, we will arrange for the expense.

The Deacon was anxious to get out and go to home, but, as you will see from the circular, the time which a man is expected to stay is five weeks. Mr. Avery told me he thought it would be better for him to stay. He was looking in good shape, and I had a good talk with him.

We must begin to make plans for his employment when he comes out. It seems to me it would be better for him not to be in the city, where he would have difficulty in making good friendships.

It would be better--and he thinks so himself--if he could be in some town. I talked to him about finding some training here in one of the

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...and he would be getting employed as a chauffeur, but he was  
wishing to get some work at once by which he could earn money enough  
to get out the debt. He says he is not a mechanical person,  
and he is not a very good one, and would have a difficulty in qualifying him-  
self. That is your opinion? Can you think of any employment which  
could be got for him in a place like Norristown? There are absolutely  
no factories in England and no workshops there, except for ship-builders  
and mechanics and chauffeurs. I think we might get him a job as a  
chauffeur, but I don't know whether all the conditions would be as  
favorable, or whether the possibilities for going on would be as good  
as if he were other kind of employment in a community that had some  
interest in it than ours has.

I believe with you that the answer is really waiting upon the  
word Jesus Christ, and that the new life is in Him.

I hope you had a comfortable journey down from Camp. We had  
a good one, but were between four and five hours late in reaching New  
York. We are all well and happy, and I hope may have a visit from you  
soon.

Very thanks for congratulations for September 18th.

Very affectionately yours,

September 24th, 1906.

Mr. W. F. England,

Madison,

Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. England:

Your letter of September 9th is just received.

I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation. I have already  
 engagements for all my Sundays, and none of these engagements are nearer  
 home than St. Paul.

Very sincerely yours,



September 15th, 1908.

The Rev. George H. Atkinson,

Monroe, N. C.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:-

Your kind note of August 25th has been received.

I had already received a copy of the Memorial of Mrs. Atkinson, on which I had to write a little note for the "New York Observer."

I hope the little book may prove a great blessing to many, and may extend far and wide the influence of Mrs. Atkinson's life. It is a blessing to have had the relationship to such a life which you have had, and I know how really you have that relationship still in ever enriching measure.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

September 15th, 1908.

Miss Sara H. Miller,

40 South St.,

Stanford, Conn.

My dear Miss Miller:-

I was glad to get, a few days ago, your letter of September 4th, and to learn about your plans. I am sure that God will lead you, and that you will be satisfied with His leading.

Did I ever ask you whether you had read Drummond's "The Ideal Life?" I think there is a great deal there that would be very helpful to you. I don't remember whether it is in that book that some of his best addresses on God's Guidance are found, but either there or in some other there is a very good one on "How to Find Out the Will of God." That and Bushnell's sermon on "Every Man's Life a Plan of God," would, I think, be really helpful to you.

I think you could find just such work in New York City as you are thinking of in connection with the Spring Street Church, of which the Rev. H. Roswell Bates is pastor. I presume you had thought of the Christodora House, where there must be many niches needing to be filled. I should think, if I were you, I would certainly wish to be doing some work of this kind while fulfilling my duty at home.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if ever I can be of any service whatever to you.

Very cordially yours,

September 15th, 1908.

Mrs. Kate Severy,

133 Middle St.,

Lowell, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Severy:-

It was a great pleasure to get, a few days ago, your letter of August 30th, although it brought news of the heavy problems with which you are having to deal. I know that God will give you strength and wisdom, and that His help will be amply sufficient for you.

Very cordially yours,



September 15th, 1903.

Mr. George M. Duff,

Carnegie, Pa.

My dear Duff:-

I shall be very glad to speak at the Philadelphia Society meeting on the evening of October 29th.

I am sorry to hear that Clothier has had to give up the proposed work, and trust that he may have got Pfeiffer in his place.

Very cordially yours,

September 15th, 1908.

Mr. T. D. Sloan,  
Madison Hall,  
University of Va.,  
Charlottesville, Va.

My dear Mr. Sloan:-

Your very kind note of August 31st has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come down for Sunday, January 10th, or, indeed, for any Sunday this year, as I have engagements for every Sunday during the college sessions until next June.

I should very much enjoy coming again if I could.

Very sincerely yours,

September 15th, 1908.

Mr. Robert B. Adams,

1421 Arch Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

Your kind note of August 29th has been received.

If my engagement with the University of Pennsylvania for February 21st does not involve any afternoon meeting, I shall be glad to speak for you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,



September 15th, 1909.

The Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D.,  
Northfield,

Mass.

My dear Dr. Pentecost:-

Your good note of the 13th is just received.

The pastor of our church in Eaglewood, Dr. Hamilton, has resigned because of ill health, and we are looking now for just such a man, as his successor, as you are seeking for. Thus far, we have not found our man. A Committee which went yesterday to hear Mr. Wicks, of the Arlington Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Orange, has come back greatly pleased, but he went to this church only a few months ago, and I do not suppose would consider leaving. I have heard the Rev. Guy L. Morrill, of Moosick, Pa., very warmly spoken of, but I have not heard him preach and do not remember to have met him, but I think it might be worth while looking him up. Another Committee from our church went yesterday to hear the Rev. James Coffin Stout, of St. Augustine, Fla., who is highly commended to us. I think he would answer the requirements mentioned in your letter. He was preaching yesterday at Glenridge. I don't know whether he is to be here in the North much longer. He is a cousin of the Rev. Henry Sloss Coffin, D.D., of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, who would know of his movements. He and Mr. Stout pray together, Mr. Stout tells me, but are at opposite poles theologically, - but I guess that is a hyperbolic way of putting it, however. Another man I think it would be worth while looking up, - the Rev. George E. Gillespie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in

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Coatesville, Pa. Mr. Gillespie is just about forty, has had good experience, and has done, I understand, strong work in Coatesville.

If I think of any other names, I shall be glad to let you know.

Very cordially yours,

September 16th, 1903.

The Rev. I. J. Lansing, D.D.,

Seranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Lansing:-

Your note of yesterday is just received.

Mr. Allison is just now at home in the United States on furlough, and our missionary at Quetzaltenango, the Rev. Walter E. Abbot, was thinking of going over to Guatemala City during Mr. Allison's absence, but we have not heard yet whether he has done so. We have in Guatemala City a women physician, Dr. Mary E. Gregg, and I am writing a note to her, which I am enclosing, with your letter to Mr. Allison, to Mr. Clark.

Very cordially yours,



September 16th, 1902.

The Rev. Theodore F. Clark,

Corner Grand St. & Johnson Ave.,

Union Course (Queens), New York City.

My dear Mr. Clark:-

Dr. Lansing, of Scranton, has sent me the enclosed letter, to be forwarded to you with the request that I add to it a note introducing Dr. Lansing to Mr. Allison.

I have just written Dr. Lansing that Mr. Allison is now at home in the United States on furlough, but that we have in Guatemala City a woman medical missionary, Dr. Mary I. Gregg, and that possibly our missionaries at Quetzaltenango, Mr. and Mrs. McBeth, may have gone over to Guatemala City during Mr. Allison's absence. I enclose herewith a note to Dr. Gregg, who will surely be in Guatemala City, and to whom you can bring both this note and Dr. Lansing's letter to Mr. Allison.

I hope you may have a very pleasant visit.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

September 16th, 1908.

Dr. Mary E. Gregg,

Guatemala City,

Guatemala.

My dear Dr. Gregg:-

Dr. Lansing, pastor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pa., has given the accompanying letter of introduction to Mr. Allison to his friend, the Rev. Theodore F. Clark, of Brooklyn, who is about to visit Guatemala City.

I have informed Dr. Lansing and Mr. Clark that Mr. Allison is now at home on furlough, but have suggested that you would be glad to receive any such letter addressed to him, and that I knew that you, and Mr. and Mrs. McBeth also if they are in Guatemala City, would be glad to meet Mr. Clark and to help him to see the mission work in Guatemala, and to make his visit pleasant and profitable in any way that you could.

Very cordially yours,

September 17th, 1908.

The Rev. James H. Martin,

Spring Valley,

N. Y.

My dear Mr. Martin:-

Your kind letter of August 20th came while I was away from the city, and I write as soon as possible after returning in reply.

I shall go out from New York on the train due at Nyack 2.53, if that will get me to the church in time for the address.

With reference to a subject, how would "The Bible and the Personal Life" do?

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 14th.



September 27th, 1908.

Mr. William H. Blackstone,

426 West 4th Street,

Long Beach, Calif.

My dear Mr. Blackstone:-

I am very grateful for the copy of the beautiful little Memorial of Mrs. Blackstone.

The lovely face that looks out from the portrait prepares one for what is said in the tributes that follow. I can imagine what a treasure it is to you to have her spirit waiting in the country of those who are with Christ. It will not be long before you are with her again, and I know that God will give you His peace and rest until the breaking of that day.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 14th.

September 17th, 1908.

The Rev. J. Fraser Evans,

62 Pearl St.,

Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Evans:-

Your good letter of August 17th was received and acknowledged while I was away from the City. I read it with great interest on returning, and earnestly trust that the evangelistic force of Springfield may regain whatever ground has been lost, and be able to stand steadfastly for the truth.

I am sorry that, as my secretary wrote to you, I have other engagements for practically all my Sundays, which will make it impossible for me to come up to Springfield. The two Sundays you mention I have engagements at Plainfield, N. J., and Lakeville, Conn.

The little postal card which you sent shows a beautiful church property, and I sincerely trust that you may be able to secure it.

Very truly yours,

Dictated Sept. 14th.

September 18th, 1908.

Mr. J. Campbell White,  
1 Madison Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Cam:

Your note of September 18th with reference to the Annual Meeting of the General Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in Boston on November 14th, has been received. I wish I could be present, but I have an engagement for Sunday, November 15th, to which I cannot get from Boston if I am there Saturday morning. I am afraid, accordingly, that I shall have to miss this coming meeting.

Very cordially yours,



September 12th, 1908.

Mr. J. R. Farney,

458 Boylston Street,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Farney:

Your kind note of September 11th has been received.

I am sorry to have to say that I do not expect to be in Boston in November and cannot have the pleasure of being of service to you in any of the meetings of the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

Sept. 1881, 1882.

My dear Mr. Colwill:

I pleasantly remember our meeting on the steamer Hesperian, and I have your letter of the 13th instant. I enclose the letters from a Chinese gentleman to which you refer.

Cordially yours,

Enc.

Mr. William F. Rea,  
337 1/2 West 58th St.,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Rea:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to  
attend a meeting of the Trustees of the  
Committee during the week beginning October 10th. I am sorry  
to say that I have an out-of-town engagement for all the dates  
that you mention. It would be a pleasure to accept your invitation  
if I could do so.

Sincerely yours,



September 17th, 1908.

The Rev. George Dugan,  
2327 Robinwood Ave.,  
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Dugan:-

Your kind note of the 14th is just received.

I, too, am sorry that I cannot have any Sunday with you in Toledo. I shall give Dr. Brown your invitation, but I do not believe that it will be possible for him to go out from New York to Toledo for the Sunday you mention, especially as our Board meets on the following day and Dr. Brown would need to be present at that time.

If you could get the Rev. E. W. Bible, of China, who is now at home on furlough, I think that would be the best arrangement you could make. He is one of our best men and is making a very unusual inspection of the churches as he goes about among them. His present address is, 5025 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 16th.

September 18th, 1903.

The Rev. A. Ross Stevenson,  
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Rev.:

Your good note of the 14th is just received.

"Evening" should have been "afternoon" in my letter. It was only a verbal slip.

I shall be glad to get the historical material about the church when you get back to the city.

We had a fine time at Diamond Pond, and I find it a little hard to slip into the straight-jacket again after the freedom of the woods.

Very affectionately yours,

September 19th, 1900.

Editor of "The Sunday School Times,"

1031 Walnut St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your inquiry of September 15th, with reference to the statement in the Young People's Column of August 18th, that Hannibal Hamlin was twice Vice-President of the United States, I would say that I believe that the statement is a mistake.

I am not sure, now, whether the mistake was made by me or in the transcription of my notes, but I think it was the former, and that I was misled by a hasty reading of the passage, which I looked up to-day and which merely states, that Hannibal Hamlin was elected Vice-President when Lincoln was elected for the first time. I am very sorry for the error. I am responsible. I hope I may never make a more serious mistake.

Very cordially yours,

Dated Sept. 13th.



September 19th, 1906.

Mr. A. J. Elliott,  
276 Greenwood Ave.,  
New York.

My dear Dad:-

I cannot imagine who was telling you that the state of my health prevented me from doing anything. I have not known any convention of that sort for ten years. As far as my health is concerned, I have thus far been able to do whatever I wanted to.

The reason I have had to cut out some of the missionary conferences was simply, that it was not possible to be in two places at the same time, or to get to all the conferences and keep up also with my work here in the offices of the Board. I would love to come out to the Lake Geneva Conference next summer, if it should prove a possibility. Indeed, this last summer, in making my schedule, I think I told Mr. Anderson that I would go to a certain number of the summer conferences, and he could select which ones.

I remember about the photograph, but I have had none taken for years and have none of those which were taken a long time ago. When I get a really handsome one, I will send it to you. I am not sure that I shall be able to do this soon, however, because a dear old lady, whom I met at the meeting in Pennsylvania where I spoke last night, and who told me that she had gone to school to my father, added very sweetly, "I don't think that you are as handsome a man as poor father was," but then to break the fall, she added, gently, "but then, your father was."

Mr. Elliott.

was a quite handsome man.

I think he was, too, but I suspect that she saw him through  
the glamour of a school-girl's admiration for her young teacher.

I hope that you and yours are all well, with kind regards,  
as

Ever your friend,

Michael Sept. 16th.

September 17th, 1908.

Mr. W. L. Woodcock,

Altoona, Pa.

My dear Mr. Woodcock:-

I am very glad to send you herewith the quotation from Mr. Gladstone which you want:

"In the future I hope circumstances will bind me down to work with a view to making natural sciences will find it impossible to elude. I have been passing, generally in view of their results, and by no means to the due growth and progress of individual character. I remember a very wise saying of Archidamus in Thucydides, that the being educated brings strength and efficacy to the character."

The passage to which he refers is where Archidamus says: "We should remember that men differ little from one another except that he turns out who is trained in the sharpest school."

I said I would add to it a quotation from General Armstrong, which I think you will also be glad to have:

"God's hand points to a steep and craggy height. It must be climbed. I will climb it. I have had a taste of blood; that is, I have had the taste of life and work. I cannot live without the arena; I must be in it. Despair shakes his fingers and glares his eyes on me to little purpose. I feel happiest when all my powers of resistance are taxed."

It was a great pleasure to see you at Birmingham yesterday, and to have a good evening with so many old friends and the Colonel.

Very sincerely yours,

Wrote Sept. 15th.



September 22nd, 1908.

Rev. William Bryant, D.D.

1457 John R Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Please telegraph whether October fourteenth is satisfactory  
for my visit to Synod.

Robert L. Spear.

September 22nd, 1908.

Rev. C. A. Adams,

Grandon, Wisconsin.

Please telegraph whether October fifteenth is satisfactory  
for my visit to Synod.

Robert L. Spear.

September 22nd, 1908.

Mrs. Kate Severy,

133 Middle St.,

Lowell, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Severy:-

I think the best book on the Atonement is Dennis' "The Atonement of Christ". There are many other books, but I do not believe that any recent book has been more widely read or more influential than that one. It can be got from the Presbyterian Board of Publication, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

I hope that God will bless all your work richly this winter, and, with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

September 22nd, 1900.

Dr. Herbert E. Baright,  
23 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Baright:-

I enclose herewith the Notes on the first six chapters  
of John. If they are too long, kindly let me know and I can shorten  
them.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.



September 23rd, 1908.

The Rev. J. Allison Platts, Ph.D.,

Bellefonte, Pa.

My Dear Dr. Platts:-

It was a great pleasure to receive yesterday your very kind note of the 19th.

I enjoyed my visit to the Conference more than I can tell, meeting all the old friends and breathing again the air of our old hills, and, what was better still, the spirit of love and fidelity which was in the Conference. It made me reluctant to come back in New York. I should like to have stayed on to go about for a little while in the Presbytery. It was a real blessing to be permitted to be present.

With reference to next year, I shall be glad to come if, as the plans of the coming year develop, I find it is possible for me to do so. Something would depend, of course, on whether I have to go out of the country on any mission trip, and something also, as I said, on the date of the opening of our schools at home and our family plans; but as the time draws nearer, we can take the matter up and arrange it.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 28th.

September 23rd, 1900.

Mr. John H. Irons,

Y. M. C. A.,

Almira, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Irons:-

Your kind note of September 17th is received.

I am sorry, however, that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation, as I have all my Sundays already engaged.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

September 23rd, 1908.

Miss Anne MacIlvaine,

154 West State St.,

Trenton, N. J.

My dear Miss MacIlvaine:-

Your kind invitation has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept it, as I have to be in Wisconsin October 13th. October is the month when our Presbyterian Synods meet, and I shall have to be away a good part of the month.

I hope the Association may have a very good year, and I hope that it may not have the Tag Day which you say it is considering having. It may be I am very old-fashioned, but I hate endless chains, tag days, and all such devices.

I appreciate very much the cordial invitation from your father and mother, and should be happy to accept it if I were able to come down and speak at the meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.



September 23rd, 1908.

The Rev. Robert Mackenzie, D.D., LL.D.,  
Rutgers Riverwide Church,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Mackenzie:-

As you probably know, Dr. Hamilton has resigned the pastorate of our church in Englewood, and we are now looking for a minister.

Some of our men are very much pleased with Mr. McCurdy, and are anxious that we should go to the officials of the Morningside Church and ask them to release Mr. McCurdy from his acceptance of their call, in order that he may come to us. What will be thought of a proceeding of this kind?

Those who have heard Mr. McCurdy are anxious that we should get estimates of his ability for such a church as ours from those who know him well, and I write to venture to ask whether you will tell me what you think of his adaptation for such a field as ours in Englewood. We have a church of 500 members, far above the average in its ability to do for others and in its requirements for itself. We have both extreme liberals and extreme conservatives represented in it, and need a man of angelic tact to please every one. The church has a noble spirit in it, however, and is one of the most genial, kindly, high-minded churches I have ever seen. We do need a strong man. Is Mr. McCurdy the kind of a man we want, and, if so, will the effort to get him from the Morningside Church be proper or irreligious and criminal?

Very cordially yours,

September 23rd, 1908.

Mr. Scott Foster.

People's Bank,

396 Canal St., New York City.

My dear Mr. Foster:-

I have just written a letter to Dr. Mackenzie, a copy of which I enclose because I should like very much to have your answer to the inquiries contained in my letter, at least to the second inquiry regarding Mr. Bourdy's qualifications for our Englewood Church, which you know very well.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

Enclosure.

September 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. T. Soller,

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind invitation of September 18th is received.  
It will not be possible for me to accept it, however, as I already have  
engagements for practically all of my Sundays until next June.

As to your question as to an available man in our vicinity,  
I could of course give you the names of many men who would be excellent  
for your purpose, but I cannot say whether they are available or not.  
I should think the best thing for you to do would be to get from some  
of the local Secretaries here lists of the men whom they have found  
available and efficient.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.



September 22nd, 1909.

Mrs. Edward V. Cox,  
Norfolk, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Cox:-

I have pleasure in returning herewith the two slips  
for your brother's calendar, which you were good enough to give me  
the opportunity of filling out.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept, 22nd.

Enclosure.

September 24th, 1908.

Mr. W. E. La Crosse,

215 West 23rd St.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. La Crosse:-

Your kind note of September 14th has been received.

I appreciate the cordiality of your invitation so long in advance, but I am not wedding now, and shall not make until next spring, engagements for the year 1909-10. Furthermore, whatever I am able to do in Association meetings Sunday afternoons I have to do incidentally, reserving my Sundays for my primary responsibilities, but filling in wherever I can such service as it may be possible to render to the associations. Whether I can help you next year, accordingly, will depend on what engagements I may have in our own churches here in the city.

Very cordially yours,

Dated Sept. 22nd.

September 24th, 1908.

Mr. F. B. Tibbitts,

I. M. C. A.,

Wilmington, Del.

My dear Mr. Tibbitts:

I am sorry I cannot accept your kind invitation for October 4th, but I have already an engagement for that Sunday, and indeed, for practically all of my Sundays until next June.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.



September 24th, 1908.

President John Willis Esch, LL.D.,

Los Angeles,

Calif.

My dear John:-

It has been a long time since I have seen you, and I am afraid you will not be coming East now until next summer. I hope you had a good rest this last summer, and that you may have a fine year in the college.

This is just a little note to let you know that you are never forgotten, and that I pray that God may bless you and make you strong in all the work that He has given you to do.

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

September 24th, 1903.

The Rev. W. Z. Roberts,

Poltun,

Salisbury.

Dear Mr. Roberts:-

Your kind note of September 17th is received.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation, but I shall be in the Northwest at the time your convention is to be held, attending meetings of the Synods in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. I would suggest your trying to get the Rev. Ernest F. Hall, of Korea, who is now in this country and who is a most effective speaker. He has a story to tell of one of our greatest mission fields. His present address is, 1307 West 15th Street, Wilmington, Del.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

September 24th, 1908.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,  
Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

Since writing to you last I have had a number of letters from the Doctor, and enclose those that will interest and amuse you. As you will see, I got him the blue ointment and he has vanquished Rector and his allies.

Have you been able to think of anything in the way of employment? I have to go East in about three weeks, just about the time the Doctor will be coming out, and we ought, if possible, to have everything definitely settled for him, so that when he comes out he can take up work at once.

Dr. Brown tells me he saw you down in Baltimore on Sunday evening. I wish I could have been with you and John.

I expect to get over to Norristown next Sunday, and shall be looking for you on the 8:11 train (or whatever the time is at Broad Street.)

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated Sept. 24th.

Enclosures.



September 24th, 1908.

Mr. William Bates.

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Will:-

I think you will be receiving shortly an invitation from Charlie Arden to come down to Princeton for a little Quaint Day, which a number of us have there every fall. Please don't say "no" until we have had an opportunity to talk about it. It has been a fine helpful day, and I hope it is not too late for you to arrange to come. It will be Tuesday, September 29th.

Very affectionately yours.

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

September 24th, 1908.

Miss Elisabeth Wilson,

125 East 27th St.,

New York City.

My dear Miss Wilson:-

Your inquiry regarding Miss Sara Miller, of Stanford, has been received.

I have known Miss Miller, I think, for three or four years. She was connected with the Methodist Mission in Korea for a time, but she is at present, I think, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Stanford. For a long time, her desire was very strong to return to Korea, and I think she would still long for the opportunity to go back there, but her relations were not altogether happy, and I think she did not find the language altogether easy, and I have discouraged her returning, but have encouraged her taking up some form of organized Christian work here at home.

Miss Miller is gentle and lady-like. Whenever I have seen her, she has been dressed very nicely, but not extravagantly. I don't think that she has any defect of person or speech. She may be just a trifle diffident of expression, but not in the least in a way to interfere, I think, with her usefulness. I should not suppose that she was an experienced public speaker, and I have found fault with her seeming delay in attaching herself definitely and finally to some good piece of Christian work and going on with it. Her home conditions have been somewhat peculiar, however, as I think she is an only

Miss Wilson--2.

child, and her father and mother have wished to have her more or less at home, I believe. I should like to see Miss Miller thoroughly tried out in Christian work, which I do not think she has been as yet. It may be that there are some temperamental defects in her which will keep her from doing aggressive work. She has not seemed to fit in socially, and satisfactory to herself, to any of the things that she has thus far tried, but I believe she has good qualities, which warrant the hope that there is a place for her where she can be very useful to the cause she truly wishes to serve. Perhaps you have already had a conference with her. If not, a conversation will, I think, bring you into an understanding of what I fear I have not altogether clearly conveyed in this letter.

Mrs. S. F. Baldwin, of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society could, I think, give you helpful counsel, and perhaps, also, Mrs. Bainbridge could.

Very sincerely yours,

Dated Sept. 28th.



September 14th, 1903.

President George Harris,

Andover, Mass.

My dear President Harris:-

Your kind note is just received.

I am trying to arrange some of my dates for the year, and there may be a possibility of my attending my appointment in Andover, as you desire, from my birth to October 1st. I am not sure that I can do this, but if you would prefer this date, I would come by the time I have your reply whether it will be possible for me to make this change. If it is not, or you have already made other engagements, I would hold the original plan of my 16th.

Very cordially yours,

September 24th, 1900.

Prof. John Meigs,

Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Professor:-

I have just had a long talk with reference to the  
arrangement of their program at Colonus in accordance with what  
I supposed were the original plans.

I shall be there now on Saturday 30th, and will keep my original  
engagement at Pottstown for the 15th.

Very affectionately yours,

September 22nd, 1908.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

Your good letter of the 22nd is just received.

I hope to get out to see the Deacon this week, but it takes a half day and half days are very rare. When I talked with him last he did not incline very much to the chauffeur business, especially to the idea of having to go to the school to learn, where he would not earn any money, but I think he will do whatever we advise, if this seems to us to be the best thing. I am not sure that it will, but we can talk it all over next Tuesday, at Princeton, and I shall hope to have seen the Deacon before that time.

I have not forgotten your suggestion about a day for Baltimore, but I have my schedule pretty well crowded. The only Sunday in the near future which I have free is October 12th, and that, I think, is your Communion Sunday, or, if not on that account, could be, I presume, because you are to be at the Hill on the 12th. I have written to Robert, suggesting a shift there from my appointment with them from May 10th to October 12th, and if that is practicable, I can come down to Baltimore for May 12th.

I hope that you are all well. All of our little household sends love to all of yours.

Ever affectionately yours,



September 23rd, 1908.

President John F. Goucher,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Goucher:-

I appreciate greatly your kindness in sending me a copy of your address on "Christianity in the United States." I have had time as yet only to glance through it, but shall read it carefully at the first opportunity. I see how full you have packed it of the most valuable facts and testimonies.

With ever warm regard,

Very sincerely yours,

September 23rd, 1900.

J. P. Lippincott Company.

Washington Square.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:-

I am very much obliged for the copy of "Heroes of Missionary Adventure," which you have kindly sent. It is a generous return for the slight service of making the suggestions to which you refer.

Very truly yours,

Dictated Sept. 22nd.

September 24th, 1908.

The Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D.,  
Northfield, Mass.

My dear Dr. Pentecost,

In our search for a minister, a friend has called my attention to the Rev. E.P. Cleveland of Fredonia, New York. I am looking up Mr. Cleveland so as to get all the information I can about him for a Committee of our Church, but it occurred to me that you might like to know of him, too, and I quote herewith what my friend, Miss Mary Breece Fuller, who is an instructor at Smith College, writes of him:

"I wish to speak of the Presbyterian minister here, Mr. Edwards P. Cleveland, as one who would, I think, be a helpful pastor for the Englewood Church. He has been here some thirteen years. Is a graduate of Hamilton College, and was for some time Professor of English at Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio. He was convinced that the larger work lay in the ministry, however, and gave up his position for a salary of one-half the amount he was receiving as teacher. He has grown steadily in breadth and depth, both intellectually and spiritually, through many trials and difficulties. For instance, because of the courage of his convictions in the Senator Hooker post-office scandal, he alienated some of the most influential families in the church, relatives and friends of Senator Hooker - who lives here in the Summer. As a preacher he is not inspiring and helpful, using his wide reading but never in a pedantic fashion. His faithful and devoted pastoral work in a village community has given him every year a greater sympathy and understanding of human nature, and the divine power in it. My father was saying only a little time ago how remarkable a man Mr. Cleveland was and how few people here realized their privilege in having him. Mrs. Cleveland is a rarer woman than any I have known as a minister's wife. Their five children have been brought up on a salary of \$1200 a year - and that Mrs. Cleveland has done her own washing Monday mornings, assisted by Mr. Cleveland, has not prevented her appearing socially in the afternoon with dignity and grace. She fills all the traditional functions of a pastor's wife and is the marvel of the town in her ability to do all she does and be still a lady, never a drudge, in bearing and air. The two older boys are working their way through Anherst - on costing his father only \$100 last year. We have long felt the keenest admiration for Mr. Cleveland and his family, and wished for their sake that a less narrow and more appreciative work might come to him. If you wish to look into this matter, I shall be glad to give or find further information. The Principal of the Normal School, Dr. W.P. Dana, would be a good person to whom to write or Dr. W.L. Richmond."



Mr. Pentecost - 2.

I like this letter exceedingly and would prize such a man as  
my pastor.

Very cordially yours,

September 24th, 1908.

Miss Mary Breese Fuller,  
Fredonia, New York.

My dear Miss Fuller:

I was very glad to get your letter of August 15th about Mr. Cleveland. It is a most attractive letter, and I have written, as you suggested, to Dr. Dana and Dr. Richmond. Our Church is disposed now to seek for quite a young man, but the members of the Committee have been very much impressed by what you wrote of Mr. Cleveland, and they may be disposed to consider the matter further. In any case, I am suggesting his name to another important Church.

We are all well and send you much love.

Your sincere friend,

September 24th, 1902.

Dr. M.F. Dana,

Principal M. F. School,

Freedonia, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Several churches which are without ministers in the neighborhood of Freedonia have asked me to recommend men to them, and among those who have been suggested to me as most well qualified to take charge of some of these important churches, has been Mr. Edward F. Cleveland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Freedonia. Would you be willing to give me your judgment of Mr. Cleveland, both as a man and as a preacher? Is he a man of original spiritual life and discernment? Is he a preacher who lays hold of diverse types of sinners? Is he a man of such human sympathy and intellectual ability as to give a tactful approach to all social classes? I judge that Mr. Cleveland is a man to make a life. Could you tell me his age and any facts about him that would be helpful to a strong congregation seeking a pastor?

Very sincerely yours,



September 24th, 1908.

Dr. H. L. Richmond,

Fredonia, New York.

Dear Sir:

Several churches which are without ministers in the neighborhood of New York have asked me to recommend men to them, and among those who have been suggested to me as men well qualified to take charge of some of these important churches, has been Mr. Edward W. Cleveland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Fredonia. Will you be willing to give me your judgment of Mr. Cleveland, both as a man and as a preacher? Is he a man of original spiritual life and discernment? Is he a preacher who lays hold of diverse types of sinners? Is he a man of such human sympathy and intellectual ability as gives him ready agreement to all social classes? I judge that Mr. Cleveland is a man in middle life. Can you tell me his age and any facts about him that would be helpful to a strong congregation seeking a pastor?

Very sincerely yours,

September 24th, 1906.

Miss Margaret Jackson,

% Century Company,

Union Square, N.Y.

My dear Miss Jackson:

I was very glad to get your note enclosing Mr. Henderson's. I have sent him the pages from the manuscript referring to the Indian period and am asking him to supplement it and enlarge it in any way he can. I have turned the manuscript over to the publisher, but we can make any additions that are desired in the galley proofs.

Very cordially yours,

September 14th, 1908.

Mr. James Henderson,  
Ludlow, Shrop.

Dear Sir:

Miss Jackson has just let me see your note of September 14th to her, with reference to the Biography of Miss Alice. We have been able to get very little material regarding Miss Alice's life and work in Ludlow, and I should rejoice if you will expound what we have and very much enlarge it. I am sending you, herewith, the pages from the manuscript containing the references to the Ludlow period. Will you kindly add what you can, especially in the way of incidents and detail revealing her character? I shall be very grateful to you if you will do this in the interest of extending more widely the influence of a life that was very dear to us, as it was to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.



September 25th, 1900.  
September 25th, 1900.

Miss Rebecca Corwin,

% University of Chicago, 509 Boy

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Corwin: I am back in the city.

On returning from my vacation, I found your note of August 25th which had come while I was away from New York. It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I was sorry I was not in the city to see you before you sailed. I should think the coming trip would be most comfortable, and I trust that when you return just the right opportunity for work may open before you. When you come back please be sure to let us know when you are in the city.

Sincerely yours,

Very cordially yours,

I am very glad if you will publish, in the People's  
Journal, a correction of the statement regarding Hannibal Hamlin's tenure  
of the vice-presidency. The correction which you suggest quite covers the  
ground.

Very sincerely yours,

September 25th, 1908.

Miss Caroline Louise Stone,

24 Grover Street,

Albany, New York.

My dear Miss Stone:

On coming back to New York from my vacation, I found your good note of August 6th, with the enclosed lines, which I remember having seen but of which I did not have a copy.

Indeed, I shall be glad if at any time I can be of service to you, although - fear I am not very good at answering questions. Still, I will try always to tell you just what I truly think, and I hope you will feel free to write at any time.

Very cordially yours,

September 24th, 1908.

W. L. Stone, Editor of the

1000 Walnut Street

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be very glad if you will publish, in the Young People's Column, a correction of the statement regarding Hannibal Hamlin's tenure of the vice-presidency. The correction which you suggest quite covers the ground.

Very sincerely yours,

September 25th, 1908.

Mr. George C. Lasear,

154 N. State St.,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Lasear:-

Your letter of September 21st is just received.

I should have communicated with Mr. Crowell definitely before this, but, as I wrote to him, I could not answer his cordial invitation definitely until I had heard from some of the Synods which I had been appointed to visit. I have just received word from the Synod of Wisconsin that I am expected there on the evening of October 1st, at Marinette. On the preceding evening, I have to be at the Synod of Michigan, at Pontiac, and find that it will take all of the night of the 14th, and all of the day of the 15th to enable me to get to Marinette in time for the evening meeting of October 15th. As that adjourns the following day, it will not be possible for me to ask them to postpone the Foreign Mission meeting until the evening of the 16th. I am sorry, accordingly, that this will make it impossible for me to get to the Brotherhood Convention on the 15th. If it were on the following day, I could come back from Marinette and go on to St. Paul from Chicago, but I see from your notice that the meeting is not to extend over the two days.

I am very sorry, as I should have been happy to come to the convention, but my first responsibility, of course, is to represent the Board at the Synod meetings.

Very cordially yours,



September 25th, 1903.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson,  
1211 Association Building,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Stevenson:-

Your kind telegram is just received.

I wish I could come to the Convention, but, as the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Lasear will explain, I am prevented by my Synod engagements.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

Dictated Sept. 24th.

September 25th, 1904.

Mr. Henry P. Crowell,

American Cereal Company,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Crowell:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have just written to Mr. Lasear. I am very sorry that these other appointments will make it impossible for me to be present at the Brotherhood Convention on the 25th. I would rejoice to come if it were a possibility.

I am sorry to have to say that I find I shall not be able to get to Chicago for the evening of the 26th even, for the meetings in the Chicago Avenue Baptist Church, but I have to go back last night about 11 1/2, where I am to be on the 24th, to Columbus for the 23rd, and from there to Pottstown, Pa. for the 25th, and from there straight back to New York. Accordingly, I shall not be in Chicago any evening in October, unless I am there for either the 16th or the 20th, for a meeting of the Westminster Guild. If I am, I shall try to come to see you.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

September 25th, 1906.

Mr. Edward H. Mills,  
1212 Rector Building,  
Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mr. Mills:-

Your very kind letter of the 22nd has been received.

I wish it were true that I were to be at the Brotherhood Convention on October 15th, but I have to be, on that day, at the Synod of Wisconsin, and that fact I shall not have any time free on that day. Something demands, however, on Thurs for the Westminster Guild meeting in Chicago. If I find when I hear definitely regarding that that I shall have an evening free, then I will give to that party, I shall be glad to let you know. I doubt, however, whether this will be possible, as I have an invitation to appear at the Little Theatre in Chicago in the event of having any free hour.

Thanking you heartily for your kind note, I am

Very sincerely yours,



September 28th, 1900.

The Rev. S. S. Palmer, D.D.,  
49 North Ohio Avenue,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dr. Palmer:-

Your kind note of September 21st is just received. At the same time I got word regarding the adjustment of the program.

In accordance with my original plans, it is arranged that I should be in Columbus on October 23rd, leaving for my appointment of Longwood, Pennsylvania on the 25th. If I were to be in Columbus for the Sunday, I should be happy to render any service, and if at any time later during the year I am passing through the city, I should be glad to do anything in my power. As I wrote before, if without conflicting with my engagements at the Bible Convention, I can do anything to help the cause of your church on Friday, the 23rd, I shall be very happy to do so. It certainly is a great opportunity and a great call, and whatever any of us here can do to be of assistance to you, we shall be very happy to do.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you when you are here this week, I am

Very cordially yours,

September 25th, 1903.

President Willie E. Parsons, D.D.,

Fairfield, Iowa.

My dear President Parsons:-

I have delayed answering your good letter of September 18th, but I could not know definitely what all my engagements at the Synode would be on my trip next month.

I had hoped that there might be an evening which I could spend at Fairfield, but I find that there will be none. I have to be in St Paul on the 18th, and if I do not go from there to Chicago for the 19th, must go straight to your city for the 20th and the 21st, and come immediately back from there, in order to attend the Student Bible Convention in Columbus on the 23rd.

I am very sorry that it is not possible for me to accept your invitation, as there are many reasons why I should have been glad to come to Fairfield.

Very cordially yours,

September 20, 1903.

Miss Marie A. Wilson.

312 North Central,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Wilson:

Your kind letter of September 19th, with reference to the proposed meeting of next morning, was duly received.

The only days in which it will be possible for me to come to Chicago for such a meeting are Friday, the 19th, and Monday, the 22nd. In the former case, I shall have to come back from Burlington, Vermont, and in the latter, from Portland. Now, if I come on either of these dates, I shall have to make some other arrangements and shall be very glad if you will let me know whether you really think it is worth while for me to come here on a time day, and if so, at what hour you will hold the meeting. If, however, I can reach Chicago on the morning of the 20th, I can be present at a meeting any time that day. If on the 19th, I shall have to reach Burlington until noon, and then only by leaving St. Paul at eleven o'clock the day night, which I would rather not do if it could be avoided, but it will be necessary in this case because unavoidable.

Will you kindly let me know whether you think it well to have the proposed meeting, and if so, on which of the two days?

Very cordially yours,



September 24th, 1908.

Mr. Charles S. Mills,  
Chauncey, New York.

My dear Mr. Mills:

Your kind note of September 17th has been received.

I wish I could come up for some Sunday in November, and there is a bare possibility that I may be able to come for November 29th. I shall not be able to let you know definitely for a few weeks, and hope you will not inconvenience yourself by holding the day open. If I find that I can come later, I will communicate with you in the hope that the day may still be free.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

September 25th, 1903.

The Rev. H. G. Buchler,  
Litchville, Conn.

My dear Mr. Buchler:-

Your kind note of the 22nd, with its enclosure,  
has been received.

It was a great pleasure to have the day at the school and to  
see you and Mrs. Buchler and Reginald and Barbara. I have told Mrs.  
Speer about Barbara, and she was delighted to hear of her.

I enclose herewith the tickets for the two watches which I  
left with Rogers on 42nd Street.

Thanking you heartily for your kind invitation to Mrs. Speer  
to come with me some time, I am

Your sincere friend,

September 25th, 1906.

Mr. John B. Mott,

124 East 28th Street,

New York City.

My dear John:-

Your good note of yesterday is just received.

I am glad you have arranged it so that I can get away from  
columns on the 24th, in accordance with my original schedule.

I am writing now, tying up those appointments which have been tentative  
on this basis, and confirming those which I had already regarded as  
settled.

I hope that Mrs. Mott and the children may shake off their  
colds soon.

Ever affectionately yours,



September 27th, 1900.

Mr. M. F. Pitt,

Wendy Bible Institute,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Pitt:-

Your kind note of September 11th was duly received, and I should have answered earlier, but it has not been until to-day that I was definitely about my engagements for this coming month.

I find that I shall have to be in Marinette, Wisconsin, October 15th and back here in New York on the 26th, so that I cannot hope to accept the kind invitation from you and Mr. Woolley for either of those dates. I am not sure that I shall be in Chicago at all now on this trip, except to pass through. If I am, I fear I shall not have any night to spend there, but will have to leave on some evening train. If I find that I shall have a night, or any spare time, I shall be glad to wire you or call you up on the telephone when I reach the city.

Kind regards to Mrs. Pitt and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

September 25th, 1903.

Mr. W. L. England,

313 Sixth Street,

Racine, Wis.

My dear Mr. England:-

Your kind note of September 17th is received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation, but I think that every day of my trip next month is already filled, either with my guests to spend or with the intervals of travel. I should be very happy if it were possible to come to Racine, but it does not seem possible this trip.

Very sincerely yours,

September 26th, 1908.

Professor Charles R. Loomis,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charles:

I saw Mr. Dulles this morning, and he intimated that he would be in town for Tuesday, but stated that he had not received a word from you. Perhaps you have already written, but if not and you feel it would be proper to have him come, could you telegraph him at once to-day or Monday, urging him to come down?

I think it will be a real addition to the circle, and I believe it will be a great blessing to the cause, but I realize we must have these things seasonally. I am sure you must take the whole responsibility for the constitution of the circle.

Very affectionately yours,



September 26th, 1903.

The Rev. W. T. Elsing, D.D.,  
200 Rivington St.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Elsing:-

Your kind note of September 21st has been received.

I am sorry that other engagements will prevent my coming for the week in which November 12th falls, but I could come for November 12th and should be delighted to come then, as you mention that as an alternative date which will be satisfactory.

I appreciate greatly your invitation to spend the night, but I must get back to Englewood in the evening, after the meeting.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 26th, 1900.

Miss Elizabeth W. Hughes,

806 Mercantile Building,

404 Walnut St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Miss Hughes:-

Your kind note of September 23rd is just received.

I wish I could accept your invitation to attend the Ohio State Convention, but I have already engagements for all my Sundays. Moreover, and indeed, for practically all of them until next June, and I cannot possibly come up to Grandville.

I hope you may have a thoroughly good meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 26th, 1908.

The Rev. Robert C. Hallock,  
Scottsville, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hallock:-

Your very kind letter of the 25rd has been received.

I have looked over my engagements and do not see any possibility of my being able to come to the Rochester Presbytery for the special conference this fall. I have to go West within a few weeks to visit the Synods in the Northwest, and shall not get back until the close of October, and shall then have to stick pretty closely to the offices here to catch up with the correspondence which will have accumulated. I am very sorry that it will not be practicable for me to come, as I should have been glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 26th.



September 15th, 1908.

The Rev. Edwin N. Hardy,

Quincy, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hardy:-

Your kind note of the 23rd has been received.

I should be glad to accept your invitation, if I could, but in case I am able to come up to Boston for the Laymen's Convention at all, it will be only for Tuesday evening, the 17th. I wish I might be there for the whole week, in which case I should be happy to accept your cordial invitation to speak at the Congregational denominational meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 25, 1909.

The Rev. Sarah Prentice,

Myack, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Prentice:-

Your kind note came to me in Englewood yesterday.

I appreciate very much your cordial invitation, but Mrs. Spoon and I cannot accept it, but she is now away and will not be back until the end of next week, I think, and I shall not be able to come up to Myack until the train reaching there five or ten minutes of three, and I must leave immediately after the meeting. Will you please convey Mrs. Prentice's hearty thanks for her kind thought of us, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 26th, 1908.

Prof. Henry T. Fowler,

Brown University,

Providence, R. I.

My dear Professor Fowler:-

Your kind note with reference to the proposed meetings in December is just received.

I am very sorry it will not be possible for me to give you the day you mention, but I have to be in Philadelphia that week, at the meeting of the Church Federation Convention, which begins, I think, on Wednesday; and I have also a committee meeting in Philadelphia, at that time, at which I must be present.

I hope the meetings at Brown may produce the effect I am earnestly desiring.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.



September 26th, 1906.

Mr. Frank S. Brenneman,

1923 Brownsville Road,

No. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Mr. Brenneman:-

Your kind note is just received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to come out to Pittsburg in time for the proposed fall rally of the South Side Christian Endeavor Societies, but I cannot leave New York until November 7th, and I must come back on the 9th.

If you want a good missionary speaker, I would suggest the Rev. G. W. Sulton, of Japan, who has just come home on furlough and who is now at Wooster, Ohio.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

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September 27th, 1908.

Mr. Washington Taylor,  
The Hill School,  
Pottstown, PA.

My dear Wash:

I enclose, herewith, a blue print map of the Diamond Pond region, which I should have given you yesterday. It is pretty accurate on the whole, though I see some minor mistakes.

It was good to see you yesterday. I hope you may have a happy year at School.

Your sincere friend,

Geo. H. Moore.

September 29th, 1908.

Mr. W. M. Burton,

1421 Arch Street,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Burton:-

Your kind note of September 23rd was received yesterday.

I am sorry to have to say that I have no open dates in October, or any time this fall, when I shall be in the vicinity of Philadelphia and free to speak at your fall convention. I should be very glad to come if I could, but I already have my schedule as full as I ought to make it.

Very cordially yours.

Dictated Sept. 26th.



September 23rd, 1903.

Miss Alice Varley,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Miss Varley:-

Your kind note of September 21st is received.

I shall be glad to review the three books you mention, and also, if you have it and have not already arranged for its review, Millings' book on "The Pigmy Pol' of Africa," and also, on the same supposition, the Biographies of John Jasper and Chaplain McCabe, which Revell has published. I presume, however, that you will already have arranged for these.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 28th, 1908.

Mr. John C. Young,

1027 Mifflin St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Young:-

Your note of September 22nd, making inquiry as to the Rev. Elliott Field, has been received.

I have known Mr. Field for a good many years and have a very cordial friendship for him. I have never heard him preach and have never visited any of the fields where he has been at work. My judgment of him is, that he is an earnest, energetic, vigorous, sincere minister of true devotion and missionary spirit, very wide-awake and of considerable experience in practical church work.

I do not know all the requirements of the Wicahshokum church, but I would think that Mr. Field would be a very good man indeed for you to look up carefully and to hear. If I can get you any further information regarding him, I should be very glad to be of service to you.

I always like to see Mr. Field when he comes this way, because of his unfailing sociability and his true Christian spirit and his lively interest in all the work of the Kingdom.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Sept. 25th.

September 29th, 1908.

Rev. E. Y. Woolley,  
Chicago Avenue Church,  
LaSalle & Chicago Avenues,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Speer put of town today. Will wire you tomorrow.

M. Higbie.

September 30th, 1908.

Rev. E. Y. Woolley,  
Chicago Avenue Church,  
LaSalle & Chicago Avenues,  
Chicago, Ill.

Very sorry other engagements will prevent returning to Chicago.

Robert E. Speer.



October 1st, 1909.

The Rev. S. J. McPherson, D.D.,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Dr. McPherson:-

Your very kind note is received, and I shall look forward with pleasure to coming down for October 11th.

You will grieve to hear of the death of Dr. Ellinwood, at  
Canaan, Connecticut, yesterday, in his 74th year. At the same time  
that we grieve, however, we all rejoice because he was eager to go, and  
had for some years been entirely disabled physically, although the mind  
and spirit moved on an unbroken way.

With kindest regards to Mrs. McPherson,

Very cordially yours,

October 3rd, 1868.

The Rev. John Calvin Goddard,  
Salisbury, Conn.

My dear Mr. Goddard:

I have an impression that I wrote you some time ago making enquiries regarding the Rev. C.H. Bronson, whom one of the Presbyterian Churches at Morriatown, N.J. was at that time considering calling. I believe Mr. Bronson was then engaged here in the City, however, and unable to leave his engagement. We are now looking for a pastor for our own Church in Englewood, N.J., which is one of the best of our suburban Churches here. Some of our people have heard Mr. Bronson and are very much pleased with him. Our Church has more than 500 members; it is in the most delightful social community of which I know; it has great capacities for service in it. Its demands on the intelligence and character of a minister are high, and the conditions are such, of course, as to require the most Christian wisdom and tactfulness. I think you know Mr. Bronson personally, and if so, could you tell me whether you think he would meet all our requirements, and if not, could you tell me of whom I might enquire?

My recollection is that I asked you about some difficulty at Simsbury of which I had heard, but it has passed from my memory and I venture to enquire about it again. Was his ministry there in the best sense successful?

I hope you have had some little rest this Summer. I was glad to learn, when I was at Hotchkiss a few weeks ago, that you had been able to get away.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 3rd, 1908.

Mr. Joseph Randolph,

Morristown, N.J.

My dear Mr. Randolph:

As you may know, we are now looking for a pastor for our Church in Englewood, and some of our people have heard Mr. Bronson and have been very much pleased with him. Do you not have a good deal of information which you gathered regarding him, which you could let me have for the use of our Committee, of which I am a member? My impression is that Mr. Bronson was not called by your Church because of his engagement here with the Spruce Street Church during the absence of Mr. Bates. You did not find anything, did you, which would lead you to doubt the wisdom of your having called Mr. Bronson if he had been available?

Very cordially yours,



October 6th, 1930.

Mr. James Cahill,

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Deacon:-

I had hoped to get out to see you last Saturday afternoon, but was kept in my office late by a committee meeting and did not get away until toward evening.

As I wrote you, I saw Horace and John at Princeton on Tuesday. Both of them had in view one possibility of employment, Horace in Norristown and John in Baltimore, and they were to let me know. Horace wrote on October 1st:

"I had an interview today with the owner of the knitting plant, about which I spoke to you, concerning employment for Deacon. I regret to say that I was not successful. Things are not as bright as they might be, in a manufacturing way, and there are a great many of the old men thrown out of work.

I do not know what Stone may have been able to turn up in Baltimore, but should be happy to place Deacon, if I think the best plan would be the Y.M.C.A. school in New York City. I will be glad to know what is finally decided upon.

I have not yet heard from John but judge that he was unsuccessful. Furthermore, what he had in view was the possibility of getting you a position as a janitor in the Y.M.C.A. building. It is well known how very good in many ways, but it could only have been a temporary thing, as you would have wanted to work on something better. I will write you today, telling you of what I am doing here and what I am willing to do for you, unless I hear from you to the contrary.

I have talked with a number of people, and they agree that





Mr. C. J. Smith.

Enclosed is \$5.00.

Please let me know whether all this is satisfactory, and about what time Friday morning I can find you.

As you will see, the work in the automobile school covers four days a week, representing so that you will have Mondays and Thursdays free. Mrs. Spear and the children are very anxious to see you out in Englewood. There will be many ways in which you can put to good use those spare days. I have to leave next Tuesday for the West, to be gone for two weeks, but shall be home next Monday night. When you come in on Friday, we can perhaps arrange for your coming out to Englewood that night.

I was very glad to see the letters from Mr. Buntress and your father, which I return herewith.

With the earnest prayer and confidence that the God, who has kept you these weeks, will keep you and make you a blessing, I am

Ever your friend,

Enclosures.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have received a letter from John, from Ball's Cove, in which he says:

"I have just received a letter from the pastor of the Baptist Church at Ball's Cove, in which he says that the influence around him will be good, and it may lead to something later. They pay Nine Dollars (\$9.00) a week, and he is to be paid on the 15th of October. However, on Saturday, when I was talking the matter over with him, he says that the pastor is the minor one, and he wishes the automobile school to be held at Ball's Cove, and that he will be glad to put Deacon in charge after the 15th, and he will be subject him to greater temptations than on his natural condition. I rather think he advises the automobile school. However, as Deacon wants to begin here and time holds, if you can let me know within a few days, or the last of the week, I can reserve the place. Whatever is at hand, of course, we all want to chip in together to give him his right share."

Please think this over well, and with prayer about it, and let me know at once whether you prefer this to the other plan.

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Mr. Edward L. Wertheim,

318 West 57th Street,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Wertheim:-

Your kind note of September 26th, with the accompanying announcement of the Automobile School, has been received.

I hope that the young man about whom I was talking with you, Mr. Charles Cahill, will be able to join the school on Friday of this week, when, as I understand from Mr. Dyack, you will be starting a new class. I expect him in the City on that day and shall come up with him to the Association. I hope that you may meet Cahill and take a special interest in him.

Very cordially yours,

October 5th, 1936.

Mr. George S. Avery,

Chester Crest,

Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Avery:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the "Deacon" which will tell you what our plans for him are.

I hope it will be all right for him to leave on Friday and come down to my office. I shall be glad of any suggestions from you as to the future, so that we can help him in the fullest measure.

Thanking you heartily for all that you and Chester Crest have done for him, I am

Very cordially yours,

L. B. ...



October 6th, 1908.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the Deacon, which will show you the present situation and plan. Have you any suggestions to make, or has something better developed down in Baltimore?

I am not sure that the Deacon has the mechanical qualifications for a first-class chauffeur. That telephone he had set up in Farson's Camp did not show the perfection of mechanical skill.

About the Sunday for Baltimore, I am sorry to say that things are not loosening up as I hoped they would, so as to make a spare Sunday. As it is now, every Sunday is full until the 23rd. If I do not go to the Assembly, I shall have that Sunday free, but if I go to the Assembly, I shall not have any.

It was so good to see you last Tuesday, and, with a great deal of love to Mrs. Stone and the children, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

Inclosure.

October 6th, 1900.

Mr. John W. Sullivan,

Albany, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Sullivan:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to the Deacon, which will show you the present situation and plan. I hope that this is for the best. It will depend now on whether the Deacon has the attitude for this business.

It was so good to see you last Tuesday. I hope it will not be long before you come over here.

Very affectionately yours,

Enclosure.

*Pa. to H. C.*

October 5th, 1908.

The Rev. George B. Spaulding, D.D., LL.D.,

Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Spaulding:-

The church in Englewood, N. J., of which I am a member, is now without a pastor through resignation, on account of ill-health, of Dr. Hamilton.

We are seeking for just the right man. Our church is one of the best suburban churches around New York, and the community in Englewood is, I think, almost ideal. Do you think that Mr. Howland would meet the needs of such a congregation as ours? and if so, do you think there would be any possibility of his considering such a call? We have a congregation of far more than average intelligence, made up of many different types of mind and of religious temper. We must have a strong preacher, who will be able especially to lay hold of our younger people, and who will have much tact and wisdom in his relationship to the older people, as well. I cannot imagine a more delightful field for a man, or a better force for use in the work of the Kingdom, than our church.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Victor L. Oct. 5rd.



October 5th, 1900.

Mr. H. A. Davis,

1106 "G" St., N.W.,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

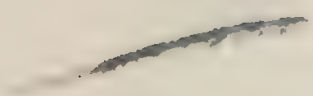
I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation for November 4th, but I already have engagements for all of my evenings in November, and indeed, for every other month until next spring.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 5th.

*Wm. F. Hall*

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October 6th, 1908.

Mr. C.G. Trumbull,  
1051 Walnut Street,  
Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Charlie:

I have your good letters of September 12th, 22nd and October 2nd to answer. I had hoped to see you at Princeton last Tuesday, but Phil explained the impossibility of your coming. I hope it may not be long before you are over here in New York.

I shall be glad to keep in mind your suggestion regarding the danger of a fondness for praise, and will see whether I can do anything with it. No indeed, I have no objection to your using the note on "The Test of Life." As to the note on "Miracles," I am in doubt. Everything turns on what is meant by "supernatural," and that word is one of the most confusing words of our day, because the same person will use it in different significances and different people have utterly different notions regarding it. In the same way, "miracle" is used in different significances, and I should be a little afraid of the effect of such a paragraph unless you begin by defining what your idea of miracles is, and what you mean by "supernatural."

About Dr. Aked, I don't know what to say. I have just barely met him. I heard him speak one night, and it was very clear, but it did not strike me as running down to the roots, and he has been, unfortunately, reported in the newspapers, although, of course, one would give him the benefit of the doubt there. I think I would make some enquiries, if I were you, before tying up finally, although I know of no valid reason what you should not make the arrangement with him that you have in mind. I will try to ask some questions

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about him, and if I hear anything further shall let you know. It is an important service that you propose, which means a heavy responsibility on the part of the paper, as well as upon Dr. Aked. I don't hear much of him in the City as to his taking a leading place in religious life and organizations of the City, but he may be doing this without my hearing of it, and he has, as you say, a fresh and popular way of putting things. I think that some of those whose opinions it might be worth your while to ask, would be

Morley Williams, Esq., 59 Wall Street, N.Y.C., a Baptist lawyer,  
The Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church,  
The Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, D.D., of the Broadway Tabernacle,  
R.S. Goodman, of the Young Men's Christian Association, whom you

know through our little prayer circle.

I should be very glad to revise the article on "How to Speak Effectively Without Notes," if you wish to print it as a little booklet. As you can see, the speech was a very extemporaneous one, and would need some rubbing off. If you will let me know how soon you will want it, and have any suggestions with regard to it, I should be glad to take the matter up.

Trusting that it may not be very long before I see you, and with much love to Aline, I am

Very affectionately yours,

P.S. - I presume that "The Bible To-day" is copyrighted; so that Mr. Shelton has the right to republish these articles. Have you asked him whether he has any objections to your publishing them as a leaflet, or would you rather have me do this? I shall be glad to do this if you wish.



October 6th, 1908.

Mr. Don O. Shelton,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Shelton:

Could you send me two extra issues of "The Bible To-day"  
containing the report of my address on "How to Speak Effectively Without  
Notes?" I should be very much obliged to you if you will.

Very cordially yours,

October 6th, 1906.

Mr. W. H. Roper.

617 Steven Girard Building,  
21 South 12th Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have received the bench ticket for the football games at Princeton, and appreciate very much this evidence of the football management's thought for the old men.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

October 6th, 1908.

The Rev. F.W. Sawtelle,

Fulton, New York.

My dear Mr. Sawtelle:

Your very kind note of the 29th is just received.

I wish I could accept your cordial invitation but I already have engagements for all of my Sundays until next June. I remember very well the Presbytery Meeting which I attended some years ago, and Dr. Halsey and Mr. McConaighy told me of their visits at the time. We all rejoice in all that you are doing for the Mission cause.

Very sincerely yours,

October 6th, 1908.

The Rev. Smith Ordway,  
Pittsford, New York.

My dear Mr. Ordway:

Your good letter of October 1st is just received. I have received, also, your letter of September 17th, but constant Committee meetings and Conferences have thrown all my correspondence in arrears. I am sorry to have to say that as far as I can see there is little likelihood of my being able to come for the celebration. As you know, the General Assembly is to be held in Denver, and if I have to go out there, - as I may - I shall not be able to take the day for Pittsford that would be required. If I do not have to go to Denver, then it is very possible that I might be able to come, but I shan't know for some months yet probably, whether I shall have to go or not. I think, accordingly, as it is very desirable that your program should be arranged definitely in advance, that you had better eliminate me.

Very sincerely yours,



October 6th, 1908.

Mr. Fred T. Schenck,

Liberty National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

I return, herewith, the letter about Mr. Cleveland for your files. I have heard of him in reply to a letter of enquiry from Mr. Myron T. Dana, Principal of the State Normal School at Fredonia, N.Y., who writes:

"As a man Mr. Cleveland is all that can be asked. He is genuine, reliable, and always helpful. As a preacher he has definite and worthy aims, speaking plainly and earnestly, with no effort to be in any manner sensational.

I think he is quite successful in laying hold of diverse types of mind.

He is tactful and seems popular with all classes.

I think his age is about fifty.

He is wide awake, and I think economy in the world's work should give him a larger field."

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

October 6th, 1906.

The Rev. Byron Beall,  
1716 Pepper Avenue,  
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 28th, asking for a contribution of my opinion for use in your sermon on "William J. Bryan vs. William H. Taft," has been received. I must say, frankly, that I cannot respond. I do not believe that such sermons should be preached. I believe that the pulpit should deal with great spiritual and moral principles, and that these principles have the most direct reference to our national life, but I do not believe that the pulpit should deal with political personalities.

Very truly yours,

October 6th, 1908.

Miss Sue K. Harnish,

Cove Forge, Blair Co.,

PA.

My dear Miss Harnish;

It was a pleasure to receive, a few days ago, your letter with reference to the Birmingham Conference, and I am very glad to send you, herewith, a copy of the poem to which you refer, entitled "God's Anvil." I know many who have found it helpful.

I greatly enjoyed coming back to the old presbytery for the conference meeting, and only sorry that it was not possible to stay on and spend some time going about the beautiful country.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 6th, 1908.

Mr. Edwin M. Bulkley,  
54 Williams Street,  
New York City.

My dear Ned:

I have written to Dr. Halsey with reference to Mr. Bronson and have also talked with Mr. Bates and written to Connecticut regarding his work at Simsbury, and to Mr. Joseph Randolph of Morristown, with reference to the enquiries which the South Street Church of Morristown made regarding Mr. Bronson last year, when they were looking for a pastor. I will let you know what I hear in reply to these enquiries.

I am delighted to hear of the appointment of the Committee on Benevolences. We shall be glad to give any help from our Board in connection with the foreign missionary offerings. I presume that as usual we will send out, during the week before the offering, a letter with an envelope, for the subscription to Mr. Dunlop's salary, and a card for the subscription to the other work. Mr. Dunlop's salary has been increased because of the greatly increased expense of living in Japan, to \$1400. In addition to this, the Board provides \$100. for each of his four children. This amount, I think, our Church has not supplied heretofore. The books of the Board show a total of \$3013.55 contributed by the Englewood Church, exclusive of Sunday School and Woman's Society during the last fiscal year of the Board, which ended on April 30th.

I wish some other arrangement had been made for the missionary address on Sunday, November 1st. I should be glad to secure some good missionary for that day. That would be more satisfactory, would it not?

Very affectionately yours,



October 6th, 1908.

Miss Elona Hayes,  
125 East 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Hayes:

Your good letter with reference to the Convention to be held in St. Paul April 22-26 was received some time ago. I am afraid that it will not be possible for me to go out to St. Paul at that time. I have already an engagement for April 25th here in the City, and as our fiscal year is just closing at that time, I fear I could not get the time away from the offices which would be necessary to go out to St. Paul. If, later, I find that things develop so that I could go, and you have not already closed up the entire program, I should be glad to render any service, but I fear it is unlikely that I can be of any help.

Very sincerely yours,

October 6th, 1908.

The Rev. Charles E. Smith,

Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mr. Smith:

As far as I can see, I shall be free for Wednesday evening, November 25th, and shall be very glad to speak for you that evening if you wish.

Very cordially yours,

October 6th, 1903.

Miss Mary A. Campbell,  
Vassar College,  
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

My dear Miss Campbell:

Your kind note has been received.

I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to come to Vassar for November 1st, as I have another engagement for that Sunday, and indeed for all of my Sundays until the middle of next May.

I am very sorry, as I should be glad to help you if I could.

Very sincerely yours,

October 6th, 1908.

Dr. H.C. Dwight,  
Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Dwight:

Your note of September 23rd, with its enclosed check, was duly received. I shall try to have the December copy in your hands within a week or two. A good part of it is already done.

Very sincerely yours

October 6th, 1908.

Mr. W. French,  
221 Eighth Street,  
Petersburg, Va.

Dear Mr. French:

Your kind note of September 26th has been duly received. I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation, as I have all my Sundays engaged for the rest of the Winter.

Very sincerely yours,



October 6th, 1901,

Mr. James Henderson,

Andover, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am very grateful for your most helpful letter of October 1st with its account of Miss Alice Jackson's work in Andover. The manuscript of the little memorial has already gone to the printer, but I shall be glad to insert most, if not all, of what you have sent, when the proofs come back. Acquaintance with Miss Alice Jackson seemed like a common bond of interest and sympathy, and I have a grateful appreciation of what you have sent.

Very faithfully yours,

October 5th, 1900.

Mr. Horace B. Taft,  
Watertown, Conn.

My dear Mr. Taft:

Your kind note of September 30th has been received.

I remember a cordial invitation of a year ago and was sorry not to be able to accept it, and I am sorry now to have to say that all my Sundays for this school year are full until the middle of May, and I have to hold the last two Sundays in May for the present, in view of the fact that our General Assembly meets in Colorado at that time, and I may have to go out to the Meeting. I hope that some time it may be possible for me to come to the School,

Very sincerely yours,

October 6th, 1908.

Miss Louise W. Brooks,  
125 East 27th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Brooks:

Your kind note of October 1st has been received.

I am sorry to have to say that there is no possibility of my going out to the Pacific Coast to the conference there in the Spring. I know I should enjoy it if it were at all possible for me to think of going.

With reference to the Summer Conference, it is still a little early to speak, as I don't know what the dates of the Men's Conferences at Northfield will be. I fear, however, that the date you give for the Mountain Lake Park Conference will conflict with that. I shall be glad to take it up again with you later, when I know the dates of all the various conferences at which I shall be counted on to give any help.

Very cordially yours,

October 6th, 1938.

Miss M.S. Dougherty,

1330 Dean Street,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Miss Dougherty:

I have pleasure in enclosing, herewith, a little contribution to Adele's calendar. I am glad that you wanted me in.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.



October 7th, 1908.

The Rev. Francis Palmer,  
Spring and Prospect Streets,  
Trenton, N.J.

My dear Frank;

On getting back from my vacation some weeks ago, I found your good note of August 12th. I appreciate heartily your cordial invitation and should be glad to come down to Trenton for a Sunday. In former years I spent a great many Sundays in Trenton, and some of the first meetings at which I have ever spoken were held there. I am sorry to say, however, that all my Sundays this Winter are taken, from now on until the middle of May, and the May Sundays I have to hold open in view of the General Assembly. We have a lot of fine missionaries at home on furlough this year, however, and I think we could arrange for someone of them to spend a Sunday with you some time. When you are over here in the City, I hope you will be sure to stop in.

Very cordially yours,

John G. P. C.

October 7th, 1908.

Mr. George Herbert,

M.C.A.,

Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Mr. Herbert:

Your note of September 30th, making enquires regarding the Rev. Dear P. Leland as a suitable man for the First Presbyterian Church of Holyoke, has been received. I have known Mr. Leland since we were classmates in Princeton Theological Seminary, and believe him to be a true and faithful man. He has always been good friend and I think he has a kind and friendly spirit toward all men. I think he would do with faithfulness and devotion any work undertaken by him. I have never heard him preach, but he was not either a good speaker or a good scholar in the Seminary, and I should expect him to be an only ordinary preacher. I think he would shrink no duty in the way of his pastoral work, but I doubt whether he has the magnetism, - the spiritual elasticity, - essential to the best pastoral work.

I have answered your questions to the best of my ability, but I think it would be well for you to see Mr. Leland and to hear him preach, and to talk with him freely.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. L. Leland

October 7th, 1908.

Mr. Robert P. Wilder,  
Voldere, NORWAY.

My dear Wilder:

Your good letter of September 7th has been received.

With reference to Miss Schjogh's request, I would say that I am only too glad to have any of my little books doing good, and should be happy to have her translate "The New Christ Jesus" into Norwegian.

I have seen the letters regarding the difficulties in the Village Settlement, - both your sister's and the letters from the other young women. I do not think that the present trouble springs from or is related at all to the general attitude of the Mission, to which you refer. It seems to be entirely due to internal conditions, and the trouble shows that the Settlement project in its present form is impracticable. If, as at present constituted, the members of the Settlement cannot maintain a happy family life and carry on a useful work, I doubt whether the substitution of some other workers than Miss Bonetish, Miss Skilton and Miss Gauthay could remove the difficulty. I judge that your sister, - devoted woman that she is - has her own ways and habits now - and that there will be less likelihood of attrition whoever might be sent.

Whether I am right in this or not, however, the present situation is certainly a very difficult one. The Board is in no financial condition to appoint the three young women regular members of the Mission, and I don't know whether the Mission desires this. If they should return home, I don't think the Board would feel that it was practicable to make the experiment again in its present form and with the relationship to the Western India Mission.



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what it has been. Nothing has been decided as yet, however, I believe, and Dr. White can be trusted to correspond in the most sympathetic way with your sister and the three young women.

I hope that you and Mrs. Wilder are both well. I wish something would bring you over this way so that there might be some possibility of seeing you.

Very affectionately yours,

*W. C. White*



October 7th, 1908.

Miss Clara Viola Purdy,  
Liversidge Institution,  
Mattapan, Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Purdy:

I am very grateful for your letter of September 26th, and am thankful to God if any word of mine has been helpful to you in any time of need. It is a great privilege to be allowed to serve Christ and to work for and with the truth which God watches over, and which, with His blessing, does not come back void or fruitless. And the supreme blessedness of it is that even if we never see the result of it here, we know that it is not without result, but that we shall see it when we come, at last, to God. That is the blessedness, I think, of all spiritual work as compared with work that is merely material. With the latter it is only the spirit with which it is done that can be enduring. The work itself is bound to pass away, but all work that is done on unseen things, such as men's souls or the lives of little children, is enduring work and cannot pass away. It must be a great comfort to you to remember this in your work.

Very sincerely yours,

October 7th, 1908.

The Rev. Edward Pfeiffer, A.M.,  
1001 Franklin Avenue,  
Columbus, OHIO.

My dear Professor Pfeiffer:

I have delayed answering your good letter of September 2nd until I could have time to read carefully through your book entitled "Mission Studies." This I have not been able to do yet. I have read quite a little of it, however, and have been delighted with it. I shall hope to be able, in due time, to study it all carefully. I should think that such instruction must send out your students with a clear understanding of the missionary character of Christianity. One who has laid hold of <sup>the</sup> fundamental principles of Christian Missions will know what the Gospel is and will be a preacher of the evangelical message at home.

I appreciate your kindly letter and your cordial references in your book to the books of my associate and myself, and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 5th.

October 7th, 1908.

Mr. Fred H. Andrews,

Plainfield, N.J.

My dear Fred:

Your letter of September 23th was received a few days ago.

I do not believe in submitting to the people the question of the opening of the saloon on Sunday. We have a law on that subject now. We have had it for many years. It represents the traditions, the best principles and the moral character of the state. I don't believe in taking the position that inasmuch as there are many people who do not like the law and will not obey it, therefore we will rest on the question and decide whether we might not better amend the law. I think we had better work, rather, to bring the elements of the population which dislike the law up to its standard, than to lower its standard to their level. Even if we put it to the vote, and carried it, we would be no better off. There is no doubt that the law would not obey it any better than they do now. In every state where this question in any form has been voted on recently, the larger element has not accepted the judgment of the people when it is against them. They go on evading the law, - whether it is the old law reframed, or a new law - just exactly as they have always done.

I know that it is said that a great many foreigners have come to this country and that we must adjust things to their conditions. My reply is that this country has a character of its own, traditions, and moral principles. We did not invite foreigners here with any guarantee that we would change the character of the nation to suit them. It is they, and not the moral principles of the American nation which should be altered.



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I am a tolerant toward the saloon and the liquor traffic. I know that I, - and I think a great many men - am becoming more and more impatient on purely economic grounds. It is the most wasteful and destructive institution that we have. In a community like ours it plays havoc with certain types of labor, so that the economic value of that labor to the community and to itself is cut down to one-half. Some day the world will look back in amazement at our tolerance of an institution which, apart from all the positive evil that it is doing, is in a hundred indirect ways an economic curse. Every employer of day labor is a sufferer at the hands of the saloon. Every dry goods merchant, grocer and tradesman loses what the saloon gains. A nation tolerating the traffic is like a man pouring his wealth into a sewer. I know that the distiller and the brewer reply that it is not so, because some of the money goes to the farmer, - which is true; but he (the farmer) is not dependent upon that market, and whatever he gets for his grain, sold in that market, he pays out in his share of the economic penalty which the business imposes upon the nation.

Those are my opinions.

Very affectionately yours,

Wm. Andrews

Dictated October 5th.



October 8th, 1908.

The Rev. William P. Schell,

Seneca Falls, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Schell:-

There are several churches in the neighborhood of New York City now seeking pastors. There are among them very best and most influential churches. I have been asked for suggestions in regard to the selection of them and wanted to mention your name, but have not known whether you regarded yourself as <sup>being</sup> attached to Seneca Falls and that nothing could move you away. Of course, you would have to weigh any call that might come to you, but I should be glad to know if you would be willing to say nothing, for the time being, and would also be willing to consider the possibility of duty elsewhere?

With kind regards from Mrs. Spear and myself,

Very sincerely yours,

October 30, 1903.

The Rev. A. A. McPherson, D.D.,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Dr. McPherson:

Your very kind note of the 3rd has been received. It will be very nice indeed to have three visits to Lawrenceville this year. I shall come down sometime on the evening of the 10th, but cannot say yet at what hour. I shall get supper on the way if I see that I shall not be able to get down in time for your regular supper hour.

As to the meeting Sunday evening, if the boys really want such a meeting and you feel that it would be well to have it, I shall of course be happy to speak at it.

We all appreciated very much your words regarding Dr. Allinwood. He was a fine character, and, during those last years, when the earthly house of his tabernacle has been falling into ruins, it has been wonderful to see the noble character and virtues of his spirit triumphant in the midst of the wreckage.

With warm regards to Mrs. McPherson,

Your sincere friend,

Respectfully,  
Oct. 30, 1903.

October 24th, 1908.

Mr. W. J. Campbell,

Palisades, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Campbell:-

Your kind note of October 13rd has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible to accept your invitation,  
but I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until next June.

Very cordially yours,

Respectfully,  
Oct. 24th.

October 24th, 1898.

Mr. Frederick B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

I enclose, herewith, a letter from Dr. Spaulding, the senior Presbyterian minister in Syracuse, with reference to Mr. Howland. It describes exactly the man we want, on thing whether he is a good preacher, but Dr. Spaulding seems to warn us not to try to get him.

I enclose, also, a letter regarding Mr. Bronson from Mr. Pandolph of Haverhill, and another one from Mr. Goddard, a Congregational minister in Collinsbury, Conn. I am writing to Dr. Cushing as Mr. Goddard suggests.

I have made further enquiries regarding Mr. Anthony. A leading member of the Lafayette Avenue Church, - who I think would not wish his name mentioned in a letter, though I shall be glad to tell you when I see you - told me in his interviews which I have had with him regarding Mr. Anthony, that he does not think that he is the man for us. He says that his health is not secure, and that there were times when he had to excuse himself from preaching in the Lafayette Avenue Church, even at the eleventh hour, on account of not feeling well enough to do it. He told me, further, that he was not a strong preacher, - that his prayer meeting talks were very good but his preaching only fair, and that he was not a man of force, but characterized rather by indisposition, so that he had to consult others in order to find out his own mind. He told me that one of the leading Church officers whom he had consulted after my first interview with him, said that Mr. Anthony was "flabby." He said that personally and socially he was very well liked and was able to win the friend-



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ship of all classes of people in the Church.

I have just called up Mr. Bates on the telephone to enquire where Mr. Branson is to preach this Sunday, and he says that Mr. Branson is to speak at the Young Street Church both Sunday morning and evening.

I have written to Mr. Schell as I intended to do.

I have also asked Mr. Bates whether he thought Mr. Howland could be got to come here, and he telephoned that he thought that Mr. Howland would not be willing to preach in a hall, and that any committee that wished to hear him would probably have to hear him in his own Church.

Mr. Clements, I understand, is preaching in Connecticut in the First Methodist Church there, so that it would be easy for anyone to go up there and hear him.

Mr. Vollogg has gone back to Canada and I do not know of any further prospects of his coming here, but I am writing to ask him to let me know when he has any here.

Very cordially yours,

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October 21st, 1904.

Mr. C.T. Wilborne,

71 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Wilborne:

I am sorry to have to say that I do not know who wrote the  
bit of poetry quoted in "How to Deal With Temptation." I do not know  
who might know.

Very cordially yours,

October 9th, 1908.

Dr. Cushing, Head Master,

Simsburg, Conn.

My dear Dr. Cushing:

One of our best suburban churches here is looking for a minister, and some of its people have heard and have been very favorably impressed by the Rev. S.H. Bronson. Can you tell me, frankly, what your judgment of him is? The Church of which I speak is at Englewood, N.J. It has more than five hundred members of the best type, socially and intellectually, and it wants a devoted capable minister. A rumor got around some time ago of some trouble which Mr. Bronson had in his former Church in Simsbury. Would you be willing to tell me the character of this, if you know it, and whether the facts of the case would qualify one's confidence in Mr. Bronson's ability to meet the needs of such a Church as the one of which I have spoken?

I shall be very grateful for any information which you have, together with your own candid opinion.

Very cordially yours,

October 8th, 1904.

Mr. William R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:

I am sorry I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Trustees of the W. R. School on October 10th, but I expect to be in Wisconsin at that time.

Will you kindly present my excuse?

Very affectionately yours,

*Franklin*



October 9th, 1908.

Mr. Samuel B. Capen, J.D.,  
350 Washington Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Capen:

Your kind note of the 7th is just received.

I enclose, herewith, a letter in reply to your previous cordial invitation. I am sorry to have to say that I cannot come for Wednesday evening, November 18th. I had already received a very hearty invitation from one of the Committee to be present for that evening, but had reluctantly to decline.

Very cordially yours,

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October 2th, 1904.

Mr. Ignatius J. Pierce,  
Madison Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Pierce:

I am very sorry that I shall not be able to attend the meeting  
of the Executive Committee of the American Missionary Association on October 10th.  
I have to be in the West attending the meetings of our Presbyterian Synods  
at that time, and expect to be in Wisconsin and Illinois on October 16th.

Very cordially yours,

*Wm. A. Rorer*

October 9th, 1906.

Mr. W. H. Halsey,

41 King Street, New York City.

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Halsey:-

I am in a little embarrassing state of mind and want to ask you to keep Election Day for Mr. Halsey and yourself free from other engagements.

For a long time, Mrs. Spear and I have wanted to get together all the members of the Board and their wives for a good family party. Mr. Spear and Mr. Child and Mr. Day say that they could come for Election Day. Won't you also make sure that no one makes an other engagement, and keep the day free from engagements, like, parties? Then we have a small, quiet family party, our wife early in the morning, and we are all in is gathered together for dinner at mid-day. As soon as I hear that this little plan will be practicable, you will hear from Mrs. Spear.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 11th, 1908.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I am very glad to hear

of your kind interest.

Your very kind note of September 28th is just received.

I am very glad to hear that for the college. I have been thinking of the possibility of sending you, at that day, to the college. It is a pleasure to hear that you are so interested in the college.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.



October 20, 1903.

Mrs. John Briggs,

Brooklyn, Pa.

My dear Mrs. John:-

I enclose herewith the letters from Victor Hiler, which I have read carefully and with interest.

I am glad that the old connection is reestablished, and I do hope that he will be led to take an intelligent religious faith and attitude of mind. It is a little hard, in reading the letters, to allow for the same imagination, which is very much in them; and yet to feel, also, how far the personal elements are affected unconsciously by the business situation. I wish he might come into contact with some of the good German philosophers. There are many of them, and they would help Victor to stand on top of the business and scientific difficulties and without prejudice to which he has, unconsciously, not to mention, at this distance, to get his life's greatest ally out of them. I should think that if he could read Descartes' "The Ideal Life," that might be a good summer's work. The danger with such men, it seems to me, is, that the religious and philosophical life will sink very low, something very common and unexciting, while business and a technical knowledge usurps the whole mind.

I hardly know what to say about his coming over to this country. He is inclined to enter the service of married and happy wife in the midst of his wife's death as to the business situation in Germany. Nothing, to be sure, would be more, he would desire the spiritual things, would reach to be saved; and whether, if he did, he would put himself in

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the following were they could be found.

As certainly the ground of his heart toward you, in the way,  
although the distance of that last day to very far, and it seems to me, and  
and here and now just what it is to be here, we want to think about  
it for all the technical work. That, then, is the reason of it.

With much love to Professor,

Your sincere friend,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

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October 9th, 1908.

Miss Mary E. Russey,

528 Wabash Avenue,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Miss Russey:-

Your kind note of October 5th has been received.

I wish I could have a free day that would be suitable for your meeting, as I should have been glad to be of any service to you.

As to a later date, I cannot now speak definitely.

My return is in the fall but it will not be possible to go out to Chicago and back for a special meeting, and I am not certain yet as to whether I shall be in Chicago for any other purpose. If I am later on the fall or early in the winter, I shall be very glad to be available to you to help you.

Very sincerely yours,

Witnessed Oct. 7th.

October 22, 1933.

Mr. R. M. Gurnhart,  
Public Printer Bureau,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind note of October 2nd is received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to  
accept your invitation, but I have already en-  
gaged for all of my time until next June.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.



October 7th, 1900.

Mr. Fred L. Smith,

124 East 23rd St.,

New York City.

My dear Fred:-

The letter of yesterday date, with reference to possible service in the association in connection with any of our regular speaking trips, has been received.

Wherever possible on such trips, I have been accustomed to render what service I could, and so glad to continue to do so. I suggest I arrange to accept of some amount of service.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 24th, 1900.

Mr. Charles R. Brown,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie:-

Your note of October 2nd has been received.

The following were, I think, the notes for the morning of July 21  
given then in Princeton: (I don't think this covers all the ground,  
but there is much that is suggestive here.)

1. - However great our problems about any one, there is always  
some small duty now. Do that. It will lead us to the next.  
This is the first rule.

2. - Think carefully of the reasons for and against the pro-  
posed course, and believe those reasons as carefully as you can.

3. - Seek unselfish counsel.

4. - Pray.

5. - Put off all unnecessary business. Don't hurry to  
show not the path but the step.

6. - Remember and dwell upon the Scriptural principles of  
living and dying.

7. - Let what is your's stand, pass this self-critically and  
under the scrutiny of Christ.

8. - Let what is your's stand with the character of God?

9. - Let each question be connected with the whole problem  
of your life, and the deep principles of action by which you have  
already determined to be governed.

10. - Do not hesitate to take chances. That is faith, and if  
we never take it to the death we will never find eternal life or eternal  
service here, or the Eternal City hereafter.

11. - Do the very personal duty, that is, the duty that has  
to do with individuals, with particular men and women and children.

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12. - He guided by the actual laws of condition and circumstance, of moral and spiritual pressure.

13. - He guided by the actual laws of condition and circumstance, of moral and spiritual pressure. There are two selves in each of us, and the moral law is almost always clear to us. We may be in doubt between the moral claims of the senses of reason, or between moral obligations, but we are usually clear as to what is right. Let us therefore with that.

14. - Almost everything will depend on how completely the conception of duty is grasped. If your belief is to be duty, and in your mind and heart you exalt duty as the loftiest thing in life, you will be able to find your way through duty is much more easily than if the whole notion of duty is slovenly and careless.

15. - God has promised to guide and He will guide. Isa. 58, 9, 10, 11.

How you can hear George Muller's voice? If not, I think you will be interested in them:

16. - I need of the explanation to get my heart into such a state that it has no other thought than to do the will of God.

17. - Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when we know we are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When we are ready to do His will, He is usually not so difficult to be overcome as we think He will be.

18. - Besides this, I must leave the result to feeling or simple suggestion. As I do so, I am equally liable to great depression.

19. - I know the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the word of God. The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great deception. If the Holy Spirit guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and leave nothing to them.

20. - That I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will in connection with His word and Spirit.

21. - I am led to pray to know His will to be saved.

22. - Then, through prayer to God, the study of the word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is not at peace, and continues to offer two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

23. - I should like to see more as just connected with our Lord Jesus Christ again. He had a good day that year, and it is hard to have these subjects of our great and duty up, but I think.



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as well as well next year to come out to dwell on Jesus Christ himself,  
considering some such question as, His Relations to His Father,  
His Relations to the Gentiles & more like the Parables, The Nature  
of Work and Influence, etc.

very affectionately yours,

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October 21, 1902.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

In the great anxiety of my mind to you yesterday I acknowledged the receipt of your letter of October 20th. I was unable to answer the last paragraph. I have heard from Alford, and they wish to adhere to the plan, so that unless I do not go to the Assembly, I am afraid I shan't be able to get down to Baltimore.

I should think that Edwin Kellogg, who has just come home from India, would be an ideal man for the Crescent Street Church, in Montreal. He is a son of the late W. H. Kellogg, and was one of the best scholars in our Church, and one of the most religiously minded in India. He is a graduate of Princeton College and has spent a great deal of time in India. He is a graduate of Princeton, he stood at the head of his class, he has one of the most brilliant minds. After leaving Alford, he studied for a year in London before going on to India. He has had to return after only a year in the field, because of the ill-health of the mother and a brother, who are to a large measure dependent on him. His wife is a daughter of Robert Anderson, of Toronto, and a charming young woman. I think he would fit splendidly in such a church. I think there are a number of other churches considering him. He has been preaching for some time only, but has been very successful. He is now at the address of Robert Anderson, Esq., Toronto, Canada.

Very affectionately yours,

Directed Oct. 21st.

October 9th, 1906.

Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr.

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My dear Dr. Dr. Dr.:-

I have just heard from you that it is really necessary  
and I should have to be there for the meeting, November 11th, that  
I am unable to do so, although, if you can just as well get along without  
me, it would be a relief. You will have a number with you that want that  
I should think you would have difficulty in making use of them all, but  
if you have any shortage that day and you feel that it is necessary  
I should come, I shall be glad to do so.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 14, 1940.

Mr. Charles H. Carroll,

1110, Market Street,

Y.M.C.A., West 37th Street, N.Y.

My dear Benson:

I shall hope to see you before I go away next Tuesday. You know where my office is and I hope you will come in at any time. I go out to lunch about quarter to one and would be glad to have you go out any time with me.

I hope you are comfortably settled in a good boarding place and as that you have the Association Building for headquarters, and I hope the new women are doing in the school in Israel.

You must be getting ready to go to Grand on Friday, and I would suggest your going over to the Central Book Concern, where Mr. Wilson North Smith is pastor, on Fifth Avenue, just a little bit east of the Young Men's Christian Association. I suppose, however, a note of introduction to Mr. Smith, which I hope you will present this evening, Friday morning. If Mr. Smith doesn't speak, I am sure that probably will, and you can give him the note.

I will not be back, when I go away, until Monday, October 16th. You will need some more money for your board bill before that time, so I am enclosing a check for \$10.00 herewith. Mr. Black will be able to cash this for you before you need it.

I am sorry I am having to go away this way, but at the time when you were in the City, but I hope you will find good friends in the Association. As soon as I get back, you must come out and see me at Englewood. If any questions



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While I am gone, and you want some counsel, write to Tom or talk  
with Mr. Black.

With the warmest regards that God may keep you, I am

Ever your friend,

E. C. C. C.



October 9th, 1908.

The Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, D.D.,  
Central Presbyterian Church,  
57th Street, New York City.

My dear Dr. Smith:

I want to introduce, here, Mr. Charles W. Cahill, who is  
studying in the theological school in connection with the West Side Y.M.C.A.  
Mr. Cahill is a friend of John Stone of Baltimore and mine, whom we have  
lost in the lumber camps in Northern New Hampshire and to whom we are very  
much interested. When he came out of the woods this year he came along with  
us and is studying to be a chauffeur. We want very much to have him find a  
good church home while he is here, and I am sure you will give him a hearty  
welcome. He is a Christian who has lived his life in the open, on the trout  
streams and in the forest, and that will draw you to him I know. He has come  
to love the Sabbath and to trust in the strength, and I trust will get help from  
you and the Church. Will you introduce him to some of the young men who will  
make him feel at home?

Very affectionately yours,

October 6th, 1908.

Mr. C.P. Wishard,

Y.M.C.A.,

St. Paul, MDN.

My dear Mr. Wishard:

Your letter of September 16th has been duly received.

I shall be glad to do anything I can to help you, providing it does not conflict with any arrangements made for speaking in connection with the Synod. I don't know of anything for Sunday afternoon, but you might consult Dr. Marshall of the First Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, or the stated clerk of the Synod, - the Rev. Maurice D. Edwards, D.D.

Very sincerely yours,

October 10th, 1908.

The Rev. H. C. F. McClure, D.D.,  
1070 Halstead Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. McClure:

Your kind notes of September 16th and 17th were received last week, the former having been addressed on the envelope to Chicago, while it bore the correct address within. I appreciate very much your cordial invitation in the matter of the Missionary Lectures, and I shall be happy to deliver the course if I saw any possibility of getting the time for it. I fear it will not be possible for me to get away from New York for two weeks, however, and I have already so many engagements in November that I do not think there is one week entirely free. I find that I am to be in Pittsburg on November 8th, however, and I could come out on that night on late train, I believe, or the next day, reaching Chicago in time for one lecture on November 8th. I could spend a week until Friday night, when I should have to come back East. This would require me to dispossess an engagement which I have for November 12th, but I think I could arrange this if this plan could be practicable. It will allow time for five lectures on successive days, or for six lectures if you wish two on one day.

I have engagements for all of my Sundays in January and February here in the East, so could not get to Chicago for any week in either of these months before Thursday, so that I should have only four days there.

If it is not possible to arrange for the lect reshup either in the four days in January and February, or in the five days indicated in November, I am afraid I shall have to give up the pleasure of coming, in which case I



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should like to urge again the name of Dr. Fiske. I think you will get from him a very fresh, strong, original course.

I was at a dinner last evening and sat beside Dr. Fiske, who told me of his happiness in his visit to the Seminary, and especially to your home, in connection with these lectures last year.

Very affectionately yours,

P. S. - I have to leave New York on Tuesday for Synod Meetings in the West, and in case you wish me to come for November 9th to 13th, could you wire me on Monday or Tuesday? If it is not possible to decide the matter so summarily, I shall be in Chicago on October 16th and shall try to see you or to get into communication with you.

Dictated October 9th.



October 18th, 1900.

Miss Emily A. Darling,

Smudge Hall,

Blue Ridge, N. Y.

My dear Miss Darling:-

Your good letter with reference to Mr. Clement was received some time ago.

His name had been already suggested to us and much has been said in his favor. I think we have gained the impression that he is not of the most energetic and active type, and that he prefers to devote his personal work. His name is on the list of our Committee of men to think further about. I have sent your letter to the Chairman of the Committee, and trust it may be possible for some of the Committee to go to hear Mr. Clements preach.

We sent you a note last week, telling of Dr. Ellinwood's death, but I think it was addressed to you at Auburn. The end came very quietly and peacefully on September 30th, at his summer home in Cornwall. The funeral service was held here at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Woodlsey on Friday, and the body was taken that night to Rochester. It is a great loss to us all. He and Mr. Darling will be talking over many things these days, I have no doubt, in the land where there are no days because it is one eternal day.

Very affectionately yours,

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October 10th., 1906.

The Rev. A. N. Keigwin, D.D.,  
West End Presbyterian Church,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Keigwin:-

Your kind note with reference to Dr. Higgons was  
received, and I sent it at once to the Chairman of our Church Committee  
on the new pastor. I believe that representatives of the Committee  
went to Brooklyn to hear Dr. Higgons, and I understand that they will  
not recommend that the matter be carried further.

We are very anxious to find just the right man, and are very  
grateful for any suggestions.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 14th, 1903.

The Rev. Walter F. Lister,

Alliston,

Ontario, Canada.

Dear Mr. Lister:

A photograph of Captain List was received sometime ago. I have had to bring it down to the printer, and it is now in the hands of the printer of Captain List, and it is well known, should come back to you. I learn from him that the photograph can be obtained from the Museum in Albany, for 15 or 25 cents.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

My dear Miss Hall:-

Mrs. Speer and I are very much interested in a little English woman, now living in New York City, who is making a strong fight for her family.

At times, he struggles against it, and when he is doing so he is able to support the family well, but when he is not so the burden is placed on Mrs. Eason, who does what she can by sewing. There is a daughter, now in school in New York, whom the mother would like to get into a school like Northfield, if possible. Is your school all full now? or is there likely to be any vacancy by this fall or winter? and if so, what financial conditions would have to be met in order to secure her admission?

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.



October 10th, 1908.

Miss Rowe,

Public School 45,

West 24th St., New York City.

Dear Madam:-

Mrs. M. A. Eason, of 330 West 21st Street, has told me of your interest in her daughter, Mary, and your suggestion that the daughter should prepare herself for the work of a librarian.

Mrs. Eason used to live in Englewood, and Mrs. Speer and I have done very much to help her and her family, and we have been doing anything we can to help them. Mrs. Eason was afraid, recently, that the children might have to leave school, and it was at that time, in talking with her, that I learned of your suggestion regarding Mary.

Could you let me know what your judgment is regarding her?

If it were possible to secure a place for her at the Girls' Seminary, at Northfield, Mass., would you think that that was the best thing for her? Or, knowing her as you do, do you believe it would be better for her to drop her regular school work at this point and take up the special training as a librarian? If so, is there not a certain prospect that she would be able to find employment? and how long would it be before she would be qualified to take up remunerative work?

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th,

Mrs. Mary E. Eason,

330 West 21st St.,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Eason:-

I was very glad to learn from your note of September 27th that you had written to Mr. Deer, that your husband had been again successful in his struggle with the world. I do hope that he will be successful.

I should be very glad to meet him some time and to have a talk with him, and I should like to have the young man of whom I told you, who was at Chester Crest, tell him of his struggle and the victory which he believes he is winning. I am expecting this young man down in the city the end of this week to take up work. I wish very much that your husband would come around to see me some time. I shall be away from next Tuesday for about two weeks, but shall be back the end of the month.

I am glad that Fred can go on at school, and trust it may not be necessary to think of his leaving.

With reference to Mary, I am writing to Miss Rowe, to find out just what her thought about her was, and am writing also to Northfield, to find out whether there is any possibility of an opening there.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

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The Rev. Henry S. Brown,

c/o First Presbyterian Church,

63 Allendale Ave., East Cleveland, O.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

Your good note of September 15th came some time ago, and I have not answered it as yet because I did not know of just the right man to suggest. I should think that Robert Anthony, who has been Mr. Wallace's assistant in the Lafayette Avenue Church, in Brooklyn, would satisfy all the requirements. I do not know whether he would be available. His present address, I believe, is Astorville, New York.

Anthony is a good preacher, very popular with all classes. Mr. Bates, of the Spring Street Church in New York, was recommending him to me the other day in the highest terms.

I do not know Mr. Rambo.

If I hear of any one else who would be a good man for you, I shall let you know.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 10th, 1900.

Mrs. Kate Severy,

175 Middle St.,

Lowell, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Severy:

Your good letter of September 28th has been received, and no one could hear of your incidents as they are you describe without being thankful to God for the opportunity of trying to serve him and help others. You are the one, however, who has been giving the help, and I pray that God may give you the blessing.

Very cordially yours,

Wm. L. G. Oct. 11th.



October 10th, 1903.

Mr. A. A. Anderson,

124 East 64th Street,

New York City.

My Dear Sir:-

Do you know anything about Mr. Louis De Milleville, of Oregon,  
who is in this country? Mr. A. C. Lister, of Colorado,  
has written to me about him, and I shall be glad to see him when he gets  
here.

Very cordially yours,

Wm. L. G. Lister.

October 9th, 1908.

The Rev. T. L. Linscott, D.D.,  
Brantford, Ontario,  
Canada.

Dear Sir:--

I had not known of the questions which you are preparing on the Sunday School Lessons until I received your letter of September 25th, with the sample of questions enclosed.

They are very suggestive questions, and I should think would be of great value in the Class in which they were used a very lively and very profitable class. If all the questions are as suggestive as those in the slips you sent me, no teacher should lack material to make a study of the Lessons interesting to any man. The questions seem to me to have the great advantage, also, of getting at the moral significance of each Lesson, and the relation of the principles that are involved to the problems of our present life.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 7th.

October 10th, 1904.

Dear John H. Strong,  
Westchester Road,  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear John:-

I greatly appreciated your kindness and Mrs. Strong's in sending the book to me. I had already told Mrs. Spear about them, and she remarked that my description had not been overdrawn. It was very kind of you to think of doing such a thing.

I was delighted to meet Mrs. Strong and to be in your home, and I hope it will not be long before you, and she also, will be coming down this way and can come and spend a night, at home, with us.

I have often wondered whether you ever received that telegram. Sometimes I wish you would keep it, in case you did not, so that I can make complaint to the Telegraph Company.

We look back with great joy over the summer. It is a happy thing to have the recollection of all those days with you.

Very affectionately yours,

Respectfully,  
Oct. 5th.

October 10th, 1906.

Mrs. Richard Prosser,  
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Prosser:-

I enclose herewith a letter from one of the young women working in my office which will be self-explanatory. And I am very anxious to hear of your taking this letter into Daisy Fields? and if so, what would be the financial conditions that would have to be met?

I shall be home Monday evening and could speak with you over the telephone about the matter, or come over to see you, or you might write, if you would, directly to Miss Pinder. I am to go West on Tuesday for a fortnight.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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June 10, 1950.

Mrs. Nathan S. Rosen,

"Rosenbik,"

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Rosen:-

I enclose herewith a program of the American Board meeting in Brooklyn next week.

I am venturing to send you, also, a ticket which was sent to me, which will give you a seat on the platform at the evening meeting, sat. during the day, in the section reserved for honorary members.

Very truly yours,

Bellevue.

October 10th, 1907.

Mrs. George Chamberlain,  
West New Brighton,  
Staten Island.

My dear Mrs. Chamberlain:

I wrote you just a little note the other day, which I think has not gone off to you, but there was nothing of importance in it.

I have now your nice note of Thursday. I shall be very glad to see you on Tuesday. I expect to be in New York on that day until the end of the afternoon, when I have to leave for Pontiac, Michigan, to begin a series of meetings in the Western Synods.

Very cordially yours,

October 15th, 1901.

Miss Grace Grigg,

1212 Maple Avenue,

Peekskill, New York.

My dear Miss Grigg:

Your note of yesterday is just received. I shall be very happy to see you whenever you are in the City, but will not discuss the question of your taking particular work. The Shipping Division is in charge of appointments, Dr. Brown, and the general question of the appointment of new assistants is in charge of my associate, Dr. White, so that it would be desirable that you should see Dr. Brown and Dr. White when you come. They will both be here the end of this month and the first of next. I have to leave myself on Friday, to be gone two weeks, but shall be back on the 26th. When you know the exact day that you will be here, it might be well if you would drop a note to Dr. Arthur J. Brown or Dr. Stanley White, making an appointment.

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1968.

Professor W. W. White,

541 Lexington Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Dr. White:

Your letter of yesterday is just received.

Our Board does avoid, as a rule, appointing new missionaries with children. It is a rule, however, to which there are exceptions, determined by the urgency of the need, the superiority of the candidate, and the impossibility of finding an equally good man or woman without a child. In view of the additional expense, however, the increased health risk, and the time which the care of such children demands at the very outset, when the missionary should be free to learn the language, our general policy is not to appoint missionaries with children.

Very cordially yours,



October 19th, 1906.

Dr. David Bovaird,  
126 West 58th Street,  
New York City.

My dear David:

Thank you very much for your note of yesterday with reference to Dr. Miller. I think we shall have to face it out on the general grounds of her present temperamental unfitness for the work.

Some time when you are down this way you had better stop in and let us discuss our duty toward our sons in connection with the Yale-Princeton game. I have to be away for the next fortnight, but shall be back the last week of the month.

Ever your friend,

October 10th, 1908.

Dr. John C. Wishard,  
301 Capitol Avenue, North,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Mr. Wishard:

I am sorry to have to say that I shall not be at the Synod of Indiana. My appointments are in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, and I do not think I shall be going through Indianapolis until the night of the 22nd, when I shall be on my way from Sioux City, Iowa to Columbus, Ohio, to speak at the Street Bible Convention there. I am sorry as I should like to have this chance of talking with you. I shall be here, however, at the end of the month, when you come on to sail, and we shall have time for conference then.

With kind regards to Mrs. Wishard and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1908.

The Rev. H.W. Peheard,  
Waterloo, IOWA.

My dear Mr. Peheard:

Your good note of September 22nd was duly received.

I shall be very happy to be of any help I can in the Conference after the Committee's Report. I shall be glad to speak, also, as you suggest, at the Sunday School Synodical Institute on Tuesday.

Looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1908.

The Rev. Charles A. Adams,

Crandon, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Adams:

I am looking forward with much pleasure to the meeting of the Wisconsin Synod and am very grateful to you for arranging matters so that I could come for Thursday evening, October 16th. I have to be at the Synod of Michigan the previous evening, but shall go on that same night to Chicago and hope to reach Marinette by the Chicago and Northwestern at 4.50 P.M. on Thursday. I shall have to go back to Chicago the same evening on a late train.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, I am

Very cordially yours,



October 10th, 1888.

Rev. J. F. Snook,

Hammond, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Snook:

Your kind note of October 10th has been received, and it was a pleasure to hear from you again. I wish I could accept your invitation, but it will not be possible. I do not expect to be at the meeting on October 15th, as I have an engagement at the Synod of Wisconsin on that day. I hope to be back in Chicago on the 16th, but have already various engagements for that day.

I hope that you and Mrs. Snook are both well, and trust that God is greatly blessing your work.

Very respectfully yours,

October 10th, 1906.

Mr. F. W. Hoar,  
107 Tremont Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hoar:

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

Mr. F. W. Hoar was here a few days ago and left a message about the meeting, and I have written in reply, and enclose, herewith, a copy of my letter. I want to add that it is not altogether certain that I will come up to Boston for the 17th, but of course if I do not come up for the evening meeting of the Taylor's Memorial Movement, I shall not be available for the dinner. I have written to Dr. Chapin expressing the hope that I will not be needed, but promised him to come if I am.

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1908.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Marshall, D.D.,  
1015 Madison Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Marshall:

Your kind note of September 18th was duly received. I had just written a letter accepting your cordial invitation when a telegram came from Dr. Bushnell as follows:

"Westminster Church urgently invites you to address it Sunday morning the nineteenth. Synod Committee approves Request you also address Mens Union Westminster following evening."

I enclose, herewith, a copy of my reply to Dr. Bushnell.

I have an invitation from the St. Paul Y.M.C.A. to speak there Sunday afternoon, and have told Dr. Washburn, who wrote, that I would be glad to do so if it does not conflict with any arrangement which you have made.

I am afraid I cannot get to the Synod for Friday as I have to be at the Synod of Wisconsin Thursday night, and my leave to go back to Chicago the next day. If I do not, I shall come over from Milwaukee as directly as possible, but, possibly, I cannot be present at the time of the Foreign Missions Committee report on Friday afternoon. With Dr. Nelson, Mr. Dolitz, and Dr. Wachter, however, there will be an ample missionary representation. Indeed, I hardly feel justified in saying out when there is already so good a company of advocates of Foreign Missions.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

October 10th, 1908.

The Rev. John M. Bushnell, D.D.,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Bushnell:

Your kind telegram has been received. Several days ago I received a letter from Dr. Marshall inviting me to speak in his Church on Sunday morning, October 12th. I understood from your letter that he has withdrawn this invitation, leaving me free to accept the opportunity you kindly offer to speak in Westminster. I am writing to him that I am leaving the matter with you and him, and shall be happy to do whatever you decide.

I wish I could stay over Monday evening to speak at the Men's Union at Westminster Church, but I have already promised to speak in Sioux City at the 34th Annual School Institute at 1.30 on Tuesday afternoon. In case I can see from the time table, I could not get there in time for this meeting unless I leave Minneapolis at 8.30 Monday evening, and I judge that would be too early to make it possible to speak at the Men's Union.

Looking forward with great pleasure to meeting you at the Synod, I am

Very cordially yours,



October 15th, 1908.

The Rev. E.V. Woolley,

Chicago Avenue Church,

De Salle and Chicago Avenues,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Woolley:

Your very kind note of October 2nd has been received.

I shall not be able to be in Chicago on October 15th at the Presbyterian Brotherhood Meeting, as I have an engagement for that evening at Marinette, Wisconsin, but I can come back from Marinette the night of the 14th, reaching Chicago the morning of the 15th, and shall be glad to speak for you that evening if you wish. I shall have to get away, however, on the 10/15 train on the Northwestern for St. Paul.

I have to leave here next Tuesday; shall be in Pontiac, Michigan, in care of the Presbyterian Synod there on October 14th, and at Marinette, Wisconsin in care of the Presbyterian Synod on October 15th, if you wish to communicate with me. I shall be glad if you will let me know whether you want me to speak on Missions or prefer me to speak on some general Christian theme.

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1900.

The Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D.,

Storm Lake, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Campbell:

Your kind note of October 7th has been received.

I shall be very glad to accept your invitation to come out to the College for Tuesday evening if it does not conflict with any of the appointments which have been made for me in connection with the Synod, as I do not think it will. I have to speak at the Sabbath School Institute at 4.30 Tuesday afternoon, and my impression was that I was to have spoken the next morning at the Women's Medical Meeting. I am now down for Thursday morning, but that is impracticable as I have to leave early that morning for Chicago. I shall be glad to leave the matter in your hands, however, to arrange, with the understanding that the visit to the College will be carried out without any conflict.

Very cordially yours,

October 10th, 1906.

Mrs. Willie E. Parsons,  
Fairfield, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Parsons:

I have just received the program of the 17th Annual Meeting of the  
Iowa State Medical Society, and find that I am asked for an address at a meeting of the  
Society on Thursday morning at 10.30. As I wrote in my  
letter of September 28th, however, it will not be possible for me to speak  
Thursday morning at that hour as I have to leave early that morning for Chicago  
in order to catch the evening train out of Chicago for Columbus, Ohio, where  
I am to speak on Friday. Any service that I could render on Wednesday I should  
be glad to render, but I realize that that is Home Medical Day.

It will be a pleasure to see you and Dr. Parsons at Sioux City, and  
with kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 18th, 1891.

Prof. Geo. H. R. Moore,

Freeport, Ill.

My dear Mr. Moore:

Your kind note of October 5th is just received.

I wish I could accept your kind invitation, but I have to go to the Ohio State Fair at Columbus, Ohio, on the 12th, and it is necessary to go straight through from one point to the other to keep to my engagements. I am very sorry, as I should have been very glad to accept of your invitation if it were possible.

Very cordially yours,



October 10th, 1898.

Mr. Robert W. Rogers,  
222 South Tupper Street,  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Egbert:

I am glad to reply to your letter of October 7th, and I wish I could accept your invitation for the State Missionary Convention, but I do not expect to be in Michigan or the vicinity in December. I hope you may have a thoroughly good Convention.

I am glad to hear of the Little Prayer. You have a hard problem to solve with an inn armor. It is one that needs prayer and faith. There are many universities here where there is an appalling need of spiritual light and life, but I am not one of them who the word is "water" and not "fire".

I am always glad to hear from you, and with kind regards from me, yours and myself, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 1901, 1901.

Mr. Alfred C. Beckwith,  
 101 Fremont Street,  
 Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

I have received your kind message with reference to the proposed  
 Dinner of the Y.M.C.A. on November 17th.

I do not think that I can make any address at the Dinner, but  
 I shall be glad to be there to spend briefly. I shall not be able to get  
 up a paper with the program.

Very cordially yours,

October 16th, 1908.

The Rev. John Timothy Stens,

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

My dear John and Horace:

The Queen's coach came to New York yesterday morning, having left London Sunday morning early, as indicated in his letter of October 7th in reply to my letter, a copy of which I sent you. The Queen wrote:

"Dear General Robt:

"Thank you much. I am not going to thank you any more. You can imagine how I feel. Last night I prayed God if it was His will to give me work that I could be best suited for and that which was the best for His service, this morning I got your letter. It is great to think that I can take all my little worldly affairs to Him, he has advised me since here a lot. I also asked him to never let me forget his mercy and goodness by demonstrating self in lieu of God. Robt I will leave here today morning about 5.30 or 6 and get in the city about 8 o'clock. I will go by trolley as it is cheaper. God I have combined with a good hard honest effort with which we to make a success of the auto biz. I have good things and services enough for you, including some underwear and a hat. I am going to the Queen's coach to get them. I received the check for \$5. I have a balance of \$1.10 left in the bank here, as I am very poor financially. I got money from Mrs. Robt, from Mrs. Robt, from Mrs. Robt, and a balance of \$1.10 here, and a lot of money. Robt I think that God did not want me to prosper in my old life because of the way I lived. Robt I thought to myself that if I have had a good honest effort, and the Lord is with me, I shall be very faithful. He shall be my strength, and I shall be a good companion in my work. The Lord's blessing of His grace is great enough for me and spreads to all my family. I shall be very happy to hear of all things around."

Yours truly,

(Signed) General.

I would have nothing for me when I got to the office, and I went up with him to the Queen's Christian Association on 22nd Street and got him entered in the automobile club, and arranged a building place for him. They were very good to him. He will live at the house of one of the secretaries. I paid the automobile club fee of \$25.00, which includes privileges of membership in the Association, and as I have to be away for the next few weeks, I have given Robt \$50. to cover his board and maintenance. I had already sent to him to Mrs. Michelle \$7.00, so that his total payments on his account to date are \$82.25. I don't



Mr. Stone and Mr. Coleman - 2.

Now we need to trouble about any settlement between ourselves now, but we can't do that. I think I am sure of that just how much we have all paid out. You two have paid out his travel down and have each given him some money. I only agree to keep a record of what I pay out here if you will make a record of all that you have paid.

I think you will be interested in the letter from Mr. Avery, the Superintendent of the Institution at Chester Chest, in reply to my note to him, in which I sent him a copy of my last letter to the Deacon, and asked him for any advice which he had to give. He wrote:

"Your letter with enclosures is at hand. Regarding Mr. Cahill, we have been pleased that he has been converted. We are used to the open soul hardly be expected to realize that in a place of this kind with any degree of pleasure. On the whole, we do not know that the man has received any special benefit. In the first place he has never felt the quiet the comfort of the drunkard - knowing nothing of hunger and the wisdom of being cared for by friends and a place to rest. The experience here is to have a friend and, in a measure, a place of entertainment; being assured by persons of the 'traveling letters' in the meantime. He is in the experience of the 'traveling letters' far as he has gone. He appears to be very much interested in a measure, and has he has sustained the intelligence and, as we are in the habit of saying, the maintenance of the 'traveling letters'. We may be a little that you have left to himself we do not know, but we are pleased with the result, and we are glad to see you succeed. I will send you a letter to New York on Friday morning as you request."

I had a talk with the Deacon and have given him a letter of introduction to Dr. Smith which I have urged him to go to hear preach to-morrow. Dr. Smith's Church is very near the Institution and the Deacon's boarding house. I am sure I am to go long just at this time, so I should like to keep in pretty constant touch with the Deacon. I shall look him up, of course, at once, and I get back in two weeks. I presume you will both be hearing from him. The one person who is now of Mr. Walter Black, West Side Y.M.C.A., 57th Street, N.Y.

Very affectionately yours,



October 12th, 1908.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Will:-

Your notes of October 1st and 3rd have been received.

I am glad that the year has been so good a year for the school.

I am sending herewith a list of our missionaries. I am glad that you are in a position to send them copies of "The Record of Christian Work." I know that they find these a great help.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated Oct. 8th.

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October 12th, 1908.

Mr. H. P. Davison,

First National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Davison:-

I presume it will not be long now before you are home again, and I am venturing to send this note to you at the Bank, which I should have sent long ago if I had not known that you were abroad, to thank you for the card of invitation which you gave me this summer for the Farmhouse Club.

Mr. Stone of Baltimore, Mr. Strong of Rochester, Mr. Coleman of Norristown, Pa., and I spent a delightful week, and I shall be glad to tell you about it some time. It is a lovely country, with more of the refinements of civilization in its camps than we are accustomed to in our Northern New Hampshire woods, where we dispense with guides and build our own lean-tos and do our own cooking. We had perfect weather and fair fishing and in every way a delightful time, which we wound up by going to the top of the Adams Mountain the day we came out.

My friends wanted me to be sure to thank you on their behalf, also, for the pleasure of the trip.

I hope you had a good time abroad, and that the work of the Commission has allowed you some opportunities for rest.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 26th.

October 18th, 1908.

The Rev. Henry I. Nicholas,

Summit Hill,

Carbon County, Pa.

My dear Nicholas:-

Your note of July 23rd came this summer, just before I was leaving on my vacation. I was not able to reply to your appeal, and could only do so now by deducting the amount from some other object. I make it a practice to set aside a tenth, and am glad to do whatever besides that is possible, but the whole of it is a very limited amount and needs to be distributed where, as it seems to me, the claim on me is greatest and what I can give can accomplish the most.

I hope you got all the amount you needed, and, with best wishes for your work, I am

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 8th.

October 12th, 1900.

Mrs. Frank Learned,

38 West 9th St., New York City.

My dear Mrs. Learned:-

I was happy to receive your note of September 23rd, and shall be very glad to accept your invitation to call some time, to learn more of the life of your father.

I expect to be away from New York for a few weeks now, but, on returning at the end of October, shall venture to come to see you and Mr. Learned.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 6th.



October 2nd, 1900.

Mr. Lawrence Cameron Hill,

Orchard Lake,

Mich.

My dear Mr. Hill:-

Your very kind letter of October 2nd has been received.

I wish I could accept your invitation, but I do not expect to get to Detroit until some time on Wednesday, and must be at the school meeting in Detroit on that afternoon, at four o'clock, as well as in the evening. I wish that I could make time for Chicago, in order to get to Milwaukee, Wis., the following Monday evening. I am very sorry, as I should greatly enjoy visiting the school if it were possible.

I am ever delightedly anticipating the opportunity of the next time you visit in Milwaukee and Chicago, and I will be a great pleasure to see you again.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 6th.

October 12th, 1908.

Rev. John A. McKim,  
150 Fourth Avenue, North,  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. McKim:-

I am sorry not to have been able to reply before to  
your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the matter of The Westminster  
people. I regret that I cannot, at present, do more for you, but I hope my letter will be of  
some use for your use.

Very cordially yours,

I do not know any better watch-word for the coming year than  
the words of Paul, "The Lord is at hand." If we will but keep  
our hearts in the knowledge of His presence, the new year will be the best  
year of our lives, and the best of all our years.

October 17th, 1907.

Mr. Diffendorfer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

I send, herewith, the sketches of Verbeck and Yates. I have cut out one-half of the Yates sketch and some more of it can be cut out if necessary. The blue brackets indicate the parts that I think could be omitted.

Very cordially yours,

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My dear Alice:

October 24th, 1862.

Your letter with reference to the possibility of getting President Webster named as a speaker at one of the entertainments of the Saturn Club, has just received. He has remarkable addresses on both Lincoln and Washington, and I don't think you could get anyone better. I am, whether the fact may be to get him or not, I am sure to write immediately to sound him, although I shall be glad to do this if you wish me to. I think it would be better for you to approach him directly with a request for a lecture and to have it from the Secretary of the Club and the Mayor of the city and a letter or two from any prominent Princeton alumni. If for any reason you do not care to do this unless there seems to be a prospect of his accepting, I am sure you will be glad to write to him. But I am inclined to think that the other course would be the better.

Mr. Clement has told me about the Saturn Club and of your part in its entertainments.

I wish you and Anna would be

coming down some time this Winter and that you could come out and see us, pass it in Huntington a few weeks ago and had a pleasant visit with the girls and Uncle Stewart and Uncle Arthur. Aunt Clara was away.

With much love to you and Anna from us all, I am

Your affectionate brother,



October 13th, 1903.

The Rev. S.J. McPherson, D.D.,  
Lawrenceville, N.J.

My dear Dr. McPherson:

Your kind note of yesterday with the enclosed check, - for which I thank you - is just received. It is a very busy day for me, as my visit with you is.

I sent Mrs. McPherson, yesterday, a copy of the OBSERVER containing the account of Dr. Ellwood's funeral service. I will try to send you down a copy of the MISSIONARY REVIEW containing the article on Dr. Ellwood which I burned Lawrenceville electric lights over Sunday night.

Ever faithfully yours,

October 13th, 1908.

Mr. Nolan R. Best,

"The Interior,"

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mr. Best:-

Your note of October 5th, with reference to Mr. Vogt and the Presidency of Coe College, has been received.

I do not feel that I know Mr. Vogt nearly as well as I know that you know him, and any recommendation of mine would have to be purely on the strength of such recommendations as yours; but I have a very cordial feeling for Mr. Vogt, from what little I do know of him, and should be glad to see him find the work in which he will find himself to the full.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

October 12th, 1906.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

Dr. Brown has handed me your letter with reference to Miss Eva Clark.

I know of Miss Clark, and I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I wrote in reply to an inquiry regarding her to Miss Martha P. Halsey, of our Woman's Board of the Northwest, and I send herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to Miss Clark, in answer to a letter from her. She seems to be interesting people in missions, and Mr. Bandy's letter regarding her missionary work is good, but she certainly led Miss Johnson off the track, and I do not at all like this miscellaneous money collecting in this purely independent way.

Thank you very much for the little Babcock book, which I found at Englewood last night and which I shall be glad to read over in this form as I went over it in the proofs.

The Deacon has started in well here, and I hope is going to be all right.

Thank you very much for the invitation for the missionary meeting later in the winter. Of course, I shall be glad to do anything that I can.

I am leaving to-night to be gone for a fortnight, and, with much love to all,

Very affectionately yours,

October 13th, 1908.

The Rev. W. T. Elsing, D.D.,  
280 Rivington St.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Elsing:-

I find that I shall have to be in Chicago for the week beginning November 9th, so that that will prevent my coming down for you that evening.

I shall be glad to come, however, for November 5th or December 17th, if either of these Thursdays will be satisfactory; or if some other day in the week would suffice, I should be glad to try to arrange it.

Very cordially yours,



October 13th, 1908.

Mr. J. B. Watson,

State College, Pa.

Dear Mr. Watson:-

Your kind note of October 6th is received.

I should be delighted to come out to the Hugh Beaver Memorial Meeting next March, if it were possible for me to do so, but I have already engagements for all my Sundays until June, and my obligations to the work here are such that it would be impossible for me to get away at the close of March for the time necessary to come out to State College. I hope you may have a good meeting. It is a great thing to keep alive such a memory.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 13th.

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Mr. T. D. Patten,

Young Men's Christian Association Building,

Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Patten:-

Your very kind note of October 6th is received.

I wish I could hope to accept your cordial invitation, but I fear that it will not be possible for me to come up to Ottawa during the winter. I have already engagements for all of my Sundays, and a large number of mid-week engagements, in addition to my regular office work, and I see no prospect now of being able to get away for the time that would be required. If I find later that I do have some spare time, when it might be possible for me to come, I shall be glad to let you know.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 10th.

October 13th, 1908.

Professor R. E. Walsh,

Montreal,

Canada.

My dear Prof. Walsh:-

I beg leave to introduce to you herewith Miss  
Leslie Bell, of Montreal.

She and I have been corresponding for several years with reference to the religious difficulties which she feels, and I have tried to help her but have not succeeded as I wish I might. I have urged her to talk with some one near at hand, who could help her as it is difficult for one to do by correspondence, and she has been willing to let me give her this note of introduction to you, as I felt sure that you would be glad to enter sympathetically into her difficulties and to help her.

Thanking you heartily for all that you have done through your books, and for all that I know you will be glad to try to do for Miss Bell, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 8th.



October 15th, 1908.

Miss Leslie Bell,

302 Prince Arthur St.,

Montreal, Canada.

My dear Miss Bell:-

I enclose herewith a note of introduction to Professor Welsh. I hope that you will be sure to use it, and that Professor Welsh may be able to help you.

Are you doing anything for any one else now? or is your own religious perplexity and search absorbing all your thought?

When I came back, a few weeks ago, from my vacation, I found a very interesting letter in the mail which had accumulated. It was from a daughter of Lieutenant Commander Craven, of whose heroic death you may have read. He was in command of the Monitor "Tecumseh" in the Battle of Mobile Bay in the Civil War. As Farragut's squadron moved in, the "Tecumseh" was struck by a torpedo and went down almost instantly. There was time for only one man to get out, and Craven and the pilot both sprang for the ladder at the same time. The moment he saw the pilot, however, Craven stepped back with a courteous bow and the words, "After you, pilot," and went down with the ship. I had referred to the incident in an article in THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES on "Lessons from the Sea," speaking of the great theatre which the sea had been for deeds of unselfishness, full of the love of God, and I quoted a little poem on Craven's death which I saw in a Seaman's Magazine many years ago. This poem Craven's daughter had never seen, and she wrote:



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"I have this moment read in 'The Sunday School Times' your lessons from the Sea, and I find at its close a beautiful tribute to my father, Commander T.A.M. Craven, who was the captain of the 'Tecumseh' and gave his life in a deed of heroism which has made his name beloved forever.

I am deeply touched by the lesson you have drawn from this noble deed, 'full of the love of God,' and I wish to tell you of my appreciation and to ask you if you will tell me the name of the author of the verses. I have never seen this poem before, and I cannot express to you how grateful I am that it has been brought to me to-day. The anniversary of the battle of Mobile Bay is close at hand -- August 5th. Although I was a child then, in 1864, the sorrow has filled my life because of my dear mother's life-long sorrow, but her courage and patience and consistent, beautiful character will ever be an inspiration to those who knew her. She is at rest now.

I will add here that I have always felt that my father's 'self-forgetful deed' was not only of knightly courtesy, but the deed of the heroic captain, trained and disciplined through a life of self-command, and who stood back, would not leave the ship, if it meant taking advantage of another, although death stared him in the face.

You will understand how proud I am of my father."

Opportunities like Craven's for dying for other people are rare, and, of course, one cannot preach to others what one does not have one's self, but there are always opportunities for loving and unselfish service--for doing for others what they need to have done for them. Are you seeing many of these each day?

I have been reading recently the most attractive life of Alice Freeman Palmer, who was Miss Freeman, you remember, President of Wellesley College, and who then married Professor Palmer, of Harvard. It is a rather curious book in some ways. One is in doubt sometimes as to just how thoroughly Professor Palmer understood and entered into the strength and coherence of her religious faith, but of course the book is written with great sympathy, and it is full of fascinating revealings of a very unique personality. I was first drawn to it by seeing a quotation from it in one of the papers, giving some little rules which Mrs. Palmer had given for happiness:

"The first rule is that you will commit something to memory every day, something good. It needn't be much, three or four words

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will do, just a pretty bit of a poem, or a Bible verse. . . .

The second rule is: Look for something pretty every day; and don't skip a day or it won't work. A leaf, a flower, a cloud--you can all find something. . . . And stop long enough before the pretty thing that you have spied to say, 'Isn't it beautiful?' Drink in every detail, and see the loveliness all through. . . .

My third rule is--Do something for somebody every day."

This is the kind of a prescription that strikes right home into the practical life, and I imagine that a good deal of our perplexity, and oftentimes our unrest, would disappear if we would live by these simple principles. .

I was not very clear about some points in your last letters.

As I understand, you are puzzled because, being free to do wrong, some people do wrong, and then find that the consequences of their wrong-doing are not the same as the consequences of right-doing would be.

Now, just where is the injustice of God of which you complain?

Ought He to have constructed the universe so that wrong-doing would yield just the same result as right-doing? or ought He to have constructed a universe where nobody is able to do wrong? In that case, is it possible for you to imagine what kind of beings we would be without freedom of action, incapable of moral choice, acting automatically? I know the problem of evil has many mysteries in it, but I don't think that we improve the situation by finding fault with God for not having made us machinery instead of human.

As I wrote you before, there are two sets of facts in the world,--dark facts and bright facts. The dark facts make it hard for you to believe in a good God, and the bright facts make it impossible for me to believe in a bad God. A good God over-ruling evil and meaning to bring good out of it, is intelligible to me, but a bad God over-ruling good with the intention of bringing evil out of it, is unintelligible to me.

Such an interpretation of the universe, I think, is impossible.



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Do you read every day the words of Jesus—not as judgments—  
not as threats of what is to be—but as simple statements of the facts  
of the universe? If you have not done so, try this every day, and see  
if you do not find that they are true.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 8th.

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October 13th, 1908.

The Rev. Lewis B. Crane,

Easton,

Pa.

My dear Bartr:-

I appreciated your good letter, in reply to my note early in the summer, and my heart went out to you as I read it, and I have been touched afresh each time I have read it since.

I know something of the burden and the mystery, and I am sure that God will give you grace and strength. I am venturing to send you herewith a little copy of an address which grew out of my own experience several years ago.

With the earnest prayer that you may be sustained and upheld until the day break and we have again all that we have lost, I am

Your sincere friend,

Dictated Oct. 3th.

Enclosure.



October 14th, 1906.

Mr. W. L. Cushing,  
Westminster School,  
Simsbury, Conn.

My dear Mr. Cushing:-

In Mr. Speer's absence from the city on a trip among the Synods of the Northwest, I would acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 12th, which will be brought to his attention on his return, the last of the month.

Very cordially yours,

*(H. W. Speer)*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

October 14th, 1906.

The Rev. A. Edwin Kelgwin, D.D.,  
West End Presbyterian Church,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Kelgwin:-

In Mr. Speer's absence from the city on a trip among the Synods of the Northwest, I would acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday, which I have forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee which has this matter in charge.

Very sincerely yours,

*(H. W. Speer)*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

October 14th, 1908.

Mr. Fred B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

In Mr. Spear's absence, I  
send you herewith a letter received this morning  
from Dr. Kelgwin, suggesting that the name of  
Dr. Carlyle be brought to the attention of your  
Committee; and also one from Mr. W. L. Cushing,  
of Simsbury, Conn., regarding Mr. Bronson.

I have retained copies of these letters for  
Mr. Spear.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Spear.

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October 13th, 1906.

Dr. Herbert E. Saright,  
23 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Saright:

I enclose, herewith, the notes on John, Chapters 7-16. I think they cover twenty-two days, and I shall hope to send you the balance of the thirty-one days required before the end of the month.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 13th, 1900.

Mr. E. T. Peck,  
Association Building,  
1000 Street & Mary Place,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Peck:

Your good letter of October 10th is just received.

I was very glad to have the suggestion which you make, which is in line with my own thought and purpose. I am sorry I shan't have the pleasure of seeing you. I hope our paths may cross soon. I believe you are to be at the Student Bible Convention in Columbus.

Very cordially yours,



October 15th, 1922.

Mr. William Brewster,

111 Pacific Street,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

I have written the article on Dr. Ellsworth and will revise it and forward it to you as soon as possible. I am going away now for two weeks and shall revise the article immediately upon my return the last week of the month. If this will make it a little too late for you, please send a note over to my office and my secretary will forward the article to me as soon as it is written off, and I will revise it on my trip and mail it to you.

I was very much surprised the other day to learn that you had decided on a subject and sent a call to Dr. Young of Washington. I had not known that you were so near a decision.

Very affectionately yours,

W. E. Collins

October 11th, 1888.

Miss Margaret Nason,

Dana Hall,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Nason:

Your kind note of Sunday has been received. I am sorry to have to say that the address to which you refer was not printed, but I have completed the Memorial of Miss Jackson, which I have been preparing, and it will contain all that I said and a good deal more. I hope it will be published some time this Winter.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 14th, 1900.

Mr. F. B. Schell,

Liberty National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Schell:

I enclose, herewith, Mr. Schell's reply to my letter, which was a general enquiry as to whether I might not be of service in connection with any of the recent postulates in the neighborhood of New York.

I have been very much disappointed with Mr. Brewster and doubt whether it is worth while going further. Perhaps I had better send you, however, a note as to what is going to be expected. Mr. Wiley writes regarding him;

"Mr. Brewster I have not met since. He has been very well, and to that I am glad. I don't know him at all. He is well spoken of at Spring Street by all the people."

I am sorry that I shall not be able to be of any further service for a fortnight, but I hope to be back on the 26th.

Very cordially yours,

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October 14th, 1908.

Mr. J. F. L. Lumbarger,

7042 Ross Street,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Lumbarger:

Your very kind note of the 9th is received. I am sorry to have to say that I have another engagement for December 15th, and indeed, I have appointments for all of my Sundays until next June. I should be glad to come out to be of service to you if I could, but with the other engagements already made I am afraid there is no prospect of it this Fall or Winter.

Could you let me know the location of China, who is now in Worcester, Mass., and who is one of our most effective missionary workers?

Very cordially yours,

W. L. G. Lumbarger



October 14th, 1901.

Mr. J. B. May,

17 Park Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Tom:

I had written you a note the other day, thanking you for the  
 letter of the 7th came. I am sorry to have missed you when you came in  
 and hope you will not be discouraged and will come back again.

I shall be away the next two weeks, but hope to be here for  
 a while longer, and it will be a pleasure to see you and to  
 talk things over with you.

Your sincere friend,

October 14th, 1901.

The Rev. Charles P. Dunn,  
1701 Third Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Dunn:

Your kind note of October 10th is received. I am afraid it will not be possible for me to come to the Anniversary Meeting in January, as I believe that will fall just about the time of our Annual Conference of Mission Boards, which is one of our most important gatherings and which I wish to attend. It is possible, however, that the dates do not conflict, I have not been able to find out, but I am afraid I can't be sure. I know for sure that, and it is, of course, possible that you will have the program of the Anniversary settled as soon as possible. I am, accordingly, now getting Dr. James Fisher of Rochester as a representative of our Board. He is a member of our Board and has been so, since Dr. John F. Davies' resignation, when he went to Philadelphia.

I hope you may have a fine anniversary in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

October 11th, 1901.

Mr. Josi C. Livingston,  
24 East Main Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Your note of October 7th is received.

I should be glad to be of help to you if I could, but I have already undertaken to write as many articles as I fear I shall be able to deliver within the next few months.

Very truly yours,

October 18th, 1900.

The Rev. George E. Gillespie,  
Cincinnati, Wm.

My dear George:

Your kind letter of October 5th has been received. I wish I could at once say "yes" to your invitation, but I am tied up for the present for January, and until I know about the dates of the Annual Conference of Minister Boards, which is one of our most important gatherings of the year, which always comes in January, and which I must attend without fail. I don't know how soon the dates will be determined.

I haven't heard anything recently from "The Minister". I wrote, - I think it was to Mr. Corbin - about you, but have had no word as to what they are thinking of doing.

I am glad that you are out of his appendicitis attack so well, and that that the rest of you are all got your appendixes still and that they are behaving properly.

With warm regards to Mrs. Gillespie and yourself, I am

Your sincere friend,



October 14th, 1908.

Mr. Charles C. Fennell,  
1031 Walnut Street,  
New York City.

My dear Charlie:

It was lovely to have that time with you in Trenton Saturday evening. I enjoyed every minute of it. I hope that when you and Jack get to be coming over to New York so that we can have some more time together.

I find I have not definitely answered your note regarding the Young People's Prayer Meeting articles for the first six months of 1909. I shall be very glad to go on with them.

Ever affectionately yours,

*Robert C. Fennell*

October 14th, 1908.

Miss Edith May Wells,  
518 Main Street,  
Horseneaton, Mass.

My dear Miss Wells:

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to speak at the meeting at Deddall, November 13th and 14th, but I do not expect to be in Boston at that time on account of engagements which will prevent my going there.

Very cordially yours,

*Robert C. Fennell*



October 18th, 1888.

President J. H. McChesney,  
 McCormick Theological Seminary,  
 Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. McChesney:

Your kind letter has just received, and I shall plan to spend the week beginning November 9th at McCormick.

All your business will you kindly let me know the hours that the lectures will be held, and if you have any suggestions that would be helpful to me in giving the lectures before the students, I should be very grateful for them.

Very affectionately yours,

Wm. B. E. Miller,  
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Oct 18th 1888.

October 10th, 1901.

Mr. Roland Veerilys,

Washington Life Insurance Company,

141 Broadway, New York City.

My dear Roland:

I should decide to drop my policy in the Washington Life Insurance Company, and would be coming to it? I should be very much obliged if you will let me know what adjustments are allowed. I think I began the policy in the Spring of 1901.

Very cordially yours,

*E. A. [illegible]*



October 15th, 1907.

The Rev. Mr. McKubbin,

Windsor, N.I.

My dear Mr. McKubbin:

It was a great pleasure to receive, some days ago, your kind invitation. I would be a pleasure to come if only to see you again, but I cannot now answer as to whether it will be possible for me to come or not. I have engagements for many days in April already, and cannot yet make more until I know just what I shall have to do in connection with the annual meetings of our various Women's Boards. It is almost a year hence, so that we have to hold ourselves more or less free for preliminary meetings. I think it would be better to get it decided now if it is important to have the program arranged at this time. If, however, it is not, then I can let you know later in the winter whether I shall be free for any evening in April when I could come. I am a little afraid that it is unlikely in view of all the engagements already made and what I foresee of the immediate future of the work here.

Very cordially yours,

Robert W. McKubbin

October 17th, 1903.

Mr. W.C. Dillingham,

Wilmington, N.C.

Dear Mr. Dillingham:

My friend, the Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D., one of the best men I know, told me the other evening that he was expecting to take a house out of town for the winter and was looking for a place to purchase and inhabit. I told him that my plan was to build one in England, and I think that if a suitable house could be furnished him he would come out. He is a man of comfortable wealth and would be glad to take a nice, furnished house if anything is available. If you care to communicate with him, his address is 31 East 46th Street, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Edw. B. Lytle

October 27th, 1907.

Mr. Wm. M. Bailey,  
 20 William Street,  
 New York City.

My dear Mr. Bailey:

We have just received the following card from  
 Dr. Underwood, in answer to Mr. Speer's inquiry as to whether  
 he could deliver the missionary address at the Highland Church  
 on November 1st:

"Your kind letter of the 14th inst. just to hand, and  
 in reply I would like to say I am very sorry, but November 1st is  
 already engaged. The subject of that date is the address  
 to be given at the Highland Church of this City, and as I have put this off  
 on two or three occasions, I am not in a position to suggest a change  
 again. Regretting this previous engagement, etc.  
 P.S. - I would be on hand for November 2nd perhaps, if  
 desired. This is the only date in November that is open."

Should you care to write to Dr. Underwood in reply to this latter  
 suggestion, if you will address him here in Mr. Speer's care we shall  
 be glad to forward the letter to him.

Dr. White is away at present on a Synod trip, but is  
 expected to return on Thursday morning. Mr. Speer's written  
 request to him that he look for a good speaker for you will receive  
 his immediate attention then, I am sure.

If there is anything that we can do for you here, I trust  
 we will let you know.

Very respectfully,  
 Grace A. French,  
 Secretary to Mr. Speer.

October 20, 1901.

Mr. Edwin M. Bulkeley,

54 William Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Bulkeley:

I have received your letter of yesterday and have quoted it in full in a letter to Mr. Speer. I have also destroyed Mr. Speer's request to Dr. White that he act as a missionary speaker for the Englewood Church.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary to Mr. Speer.



October 27th, 1908.

Miss Minnie M. Rumsey,

Lake Forest, Ills.

Very sorry cannot. Must leave Chicago Friday

evening.

Robert E. Speer.

October 27th, 1908.

J. Campbell White,  
% A.E. Armstrong,  
429 Confederation Life Building,  
Toronto, Canada.

Have engagements April second to fifth and tenth and eleventh.

Robert E. Spear.

October 20th, 1908.

M. A. H. Hanson,

General Ticket Agent,

Illinois Central Railroad,

Chicago, Ills.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a return ticket from Stern Lake to  
Sioux City, which I was unable to use. Will you kindly redeem  
the same and forward the amount to me?

Yours truly,

Enclosure.

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. James B. Bailey,

Harrisburgh, Pa.

My dear Jim:-

I was glad to get this morning your kind note of yesterday, reminding me of the Eaglesmere Conference next summer. I shall try not to forget it, but it is too early now to know just what my plans for next summer will be.

I hope that you and Caroline are well. I was glad to see in the paper yesterday of your order from the Government for steel on some of the boats.

Very cordially yours,



October 18th, 1908.

Mr. William T. Ellis,

Swarthmore, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ellis:-

Your kind note of yesterday is just received.

I have had happy associations with our Presbyterian life, and ministers also, and hope very much that I can go to the convention in Birmingham. I have not been able yet, however, to arrange it definitely.

Very cordially yours,

October 28th, 1901.

Mr. Wm. John Bennett Devins, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Devins:-

Your kind note with reference to the photographs for  
use in connection with the Federal Council Convention, is just received.  
You put it very enticingly, but I am not to be enticed.

Ever cordially,  
yours,

October 28th, 1908.

Mrs. B. F. Reimund,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Reimund:-

I enclose herewith the card of application for  
tickets for the Princeton vs Yale foot ball game. I have placed the  
card in the second position, leaving the first place for your brother.  
If he has already made his application, he must use the card which I  
have placed. In that case I would be glad to have application in my  
own name for two tickets for you.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. William W. Borden,

Yale Station,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Billy:-

Your kind note of October 24th has been received.

I wish I could accept your invitation to attend the  
Commencement at Smith, but I cannot do so.

I have to be in Pittsburgh for November 8th.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.



October 25th, 1908.

The Rev. W. W. Bull, D.D.,

Scranton, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bull:-

On returning from my Western trip yesterday, I found your kind notes of October 22nd and 26th.

I appreciate very much your cordial invitation and wish that I could accept it, but as my secretary explained to you, all my Sundays are engaged in November, and indeed, until next summer.

The matter will be taken up at once, however, with Dr. Hodge's office, and I hope that it may be arranged to have some satisfactory representative of the Board come for one of the November Sundays.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th,

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. H. P. Amerssen,

124 East 10th St.,

New York City.

My dear Hans:-

I think eighteen dollars would be an equitable apportionment of the expenses of my trip account as the share of the Student Bible Conference, including hotel bill at Columbus.

I am glad the Conference was such a success, and trust its influence may be far-reaching and enduring in the colleges.

Very cordially yours,

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. Will J. Appel,

Gordon Bible School,

Clarendon Street Baptist Church,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Appel:-

Your kind note of October 17th was received and acknowledged while I was away in the West. I returned yesterday and write at once in reply.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your invitation. I have already engagements for all of my Sundays until the middle of June, and if I am able to get away from the office at all on the week beginning February 23rd, I must attend the Convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhood in Pittsburgh.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.

October 27th, 1903.

Miss Minnie M. Ramsey,  
Lake Forest, Ills.

My dear Miss Ramsey:

Your kind telegram has just been received, and I have answered that it will not be possible for me to speak at the Association's Guild meeting on November 14th, as I have to leave on the evening of Friday, the 13th, in order to get back East from Chicago. I am very sorry that this makes it impossible for me to help.

I shall be in Chicago all that week, however, and if some other day, at an hour that does not conflict with my other appointments at the Seminary, I can be of service to you, I shall be very glad.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.



October 28th, 1906.

The Rev. John Bancroft Devins, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Devins:-

Our Englewood church has not yet found a pastor.  
The Chairman of the Committee having the matter in charge is Mr. F. B.  
Schenck, whom you can reach at Englewood, or at the Liberty National  
Bank, of which he is President, here in the City.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. D. F. DeLong,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your note of October 20th is just  
received. I regret to say that I am unable to  
send any photograph.

Yours truly,

October 28th, 1908.

The Rev. Warren P. Landers,  
300 Ford Building,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Landers:-

Your kind note of October 21st has been received.

I am sorry that I cannot help you in the way suggested, but I have a  
policy not to furnish either photographs or biographical material  
for publication.

I hope that all the arrangements for the Conference are pro-  
gressing favorably, and that the meeting may have a successful result.

Very cordially yours,

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. Horace C. Coleman,

Norristown, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

I went back to New York yesterday and to-day have had a good talk with the Deacon, who seems to be doing finely.

He will be through with his course a week from next Saturday, and ought then to take up a job either as a chaffeur or in some automobile factory. I am on the watch for something for him here and hope to be able to get something through a friend who is agent for the Studebaker Company. But in order that there may be no slip, I thought it would be well to write to you and to ask if you know any one who will want a chaffeur or driver 7th or 8th. It ought to be a place, if we can find one, where there will be steady work, and where the associations will be what we want for the Deacon.

If we cannot find a good job as chaffeur for him, would there be any place, do you think, in the Chadwick factory?

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.



October 28th, 1908.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,  
Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

I just came to New York yesterday and to-day have had a good talk with the Deacon, who seems to be doing finely.

He will be through with his course a week from Saturday, and must then to take up a job either as chauffeur or in some automobile factory. I am on the watch for something for him here and hope to be able to get something through a friend who is agent for the Studebaker Company. But in order that there may be no slip, I thought it would be well to write to you also, to see if you know any one who will want a chauffeur on November 7th or 8th. It ought to be a piece, if we can find it, where there will be no Sunday work, and where the associations will be what we want for the Deacon.

Very affectionately yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.

October 26th, 1908.

The Rev. Frank G. Speed,

East Liberty Presbyterian Church,

Penn.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Speed:-

Your kind note of October 24th has been received, and I  
am glad to hear that you will be speaking at East Liberty on the  
morning of November 8th.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.

October 28th, 1908.

Mrs. L. L. Tribus,  
40 Townsend Avenue,  
Stapleton, N. Y.

Very sorry cannot come. Am writing suggesting Dr. Fulton of China.

Robert E. Speer.

October 27th, 1901.

Mrs. E. M. Deems,

Lowell, N. H.

My dear Mrs. Deems:-

I am very grateful to you for the privilege of reading your son's letter.

I remember very well meeting your other son at Lowersville and seeing this letter when I last saw him. He came up and spoke to me after the eye examination. I am sure, as you will believe, that every sentence that he spoke to the boys find a way into their hearts.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Oct. 27th.

Enclosure.



October 28th, 1902.

Mr. William J. Schieffelin,  
124 East 28th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schieffelin:

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept the kind invitation of the International Committee to attend its Twenty-Seventh Annual Dinner on November 12th. I have to be in Chicago all of that week.

Very sincerely yours,

October 28th, 1908.

Mr. Henry E. Rosevear,  
153 LaSalle Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Rosevear:

Your kind note of October 20th was received and acknowledged during my absence from the city. I write at the first opportunity after returning. I shall be very glad to try to arrange to be present at the Brotherhood Convention in Pittsburgh on February 24th if, in working out the program, you find you will want me for any service.

Very cordially yours,

October 29th, 1908.

President James G.K. McClure,  
1070 North Halstead Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. McClure:

On returning to New York on Monday I found your very kind letter of October 2nd. Mrs. Speer would rejoice to come with me if she could, and it would make my visit the more delightful for me, but she does not feel that she can leave the children for a week, and reluctantly gives up the pleasure that her coming would give her. I shall be delighted to accept your kind invitation for myself.

Any hours which you may designate for the lectures will be altogether satisfactory for me, with one exception, - that I have to be in Pottstown for Sunday, November 15th, and must, accordingly, leave Chicago on Friday evening. I think I cannot leave later than 5.30 Friday evening and hope to be able to get to Pottstown the next evening.

I have had a number of invitations to speak in and about Chicago during the week, but I fear the work I shall have to do in the lectures and in getting them into final shape will take up most of my time during the days. I may, however, venture to refer one or two invitations to you in order that the acceptance of any outside invitations may not conflict with any plans of the Seminary.

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

October 29th, 1908.

Dr. George W. Holmes,

Boonton, N.J.

My dear Dr. Holmes:

I enclose, herewith, a copy of a paper which will interest you if you have not already seen it. It gives an account of the marriage of Miss Clarke to a Mr. Colquhoun.

I have been away the last two weeks and have not been able yet to read up the correspondence that has accumulated. I see your two good notes enclosing material from the book, which I am delighted to have, and I only wish you would let me have a duplicate copy of every chapter as soon as it is written. I shall read this over as soon as possible and shall let you know if I have any suggestions.

We have had lots of good Persia talk the last few days, first with Miss Holliday, and now with Miss Montgomery, who has been with us this week. How good it would be to have a visit from you and Mrs. Holmes some time.

I saw Miss Jewett last week out in Iowa, looking very well.

With a great deal of love to you and Mrs. Holmes, I am

Ever affectionately yours,

Enclosure



October 27th, 1906.

Miss Sarah A. Parsons,

72 Warren Street,

Glens Falls, N.Y.

My dear Miss Parsons :

Your kind note of October 18th has been received.

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to make the address at the meeting of your Foreign Missionary Society, but I already have my schedule full for the next two months, and indeed for a good many more months. It is possible that you may have had Mr. Hall of Japan speak at Glens Falls in connection with the recent campaign in the Troy Presbytery, but if not, I would like to suggest him as a speaker for the meeting. His address is 243 East 170th Street, New York City. If you prefer a woman speaker, you could not do better than get Miss Annie Montgomery if you can do so. She expects to be in Utica in November and perhaps you could get her to come over from there. She can be addressed at any time in case of the Board here.

Very cordially yours,

October 29th, 1908.

Miss Juliet M. Day,  
244 South Highland Avenue,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Miss Day:

I am writing as soon as possible after returning in reply to your kind letter of October 12th, which was acknowledged during my absence. I remember very well your kind invitation last year to come to speak for the Society, and I wish very much that I could accept, but I have my schedule crowded full for the next four months or even more, and cannot hope to be able to put in any more meetings that will take me away from New York. I have to be in Pittsburgh for Sunday, November 8th, and probably for Wednesday, November 24th, at the Convention of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, but I am afraid these will be the only times I shall be able to get to Pittsburgh this Winter. If I were you I would try to get the Rev. A. L. Fulton, D.D. of South China, who is one of the most energetic and effective missionaries in China, and who is as energetic and effective in speaking here at home as he is on the field. His headquarters are in Wooster, Ohio, but at present he is speaking in and about New York.

Very cordially yours,

October 20th, 1908.

Mr. Albert Ditman,

2 The Studebaker Bros. Co.,

Broadway and 48th Streets, N.Y.C.

My dear Albert:

I have been out at the last two weeks and on returning yesterday had a talk with the man now in the Y.M.C.A. Automobile School, of whom I spoke to you before going away. I understand he has done very well and he will be through with his work in the School a week from next Saturday, I think. Do you think that you could locate him then. I should like very much if he could get some place where Sunday work would be reduced to a minimum and where he would be sure of sympathy and encouragement from Christian people. As I think I told you, I have known him the last three or four Summers in the woods in Northern New Hampshire. He is the son of a Baptist minister in Maine and has been away from home for some years in the life of the woods. He has a lot of good character in him, I believe, and I am anxious to see him where he will have not only a good job as a chauffeur, but also a good chance to be the best kind of a man. If you would like to see him some time, I should be glad to have him go around and call on you.

Do you think it would be well for him to try to get a job in a factory instead of going on as a chauffeur, and if so, do you know of any opening for him of that kind?

I appreciate very much the kind interest you have shown in him. His name is Charles H. Cahill, and if you care at any time to communicate directly with him, you can reach him in care of Mr. Walter M. Diack, Y.M.C.A., West 57th Street, New York City.

Very cordially yours,



October 31st, 1908.

Professor Charles R. Erdman,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Charlie:

Your kind notes have been received. Also your very thoughtful note which I found in Mr. Duff's room last evening. The conductor on the train up from the Junction told me that you had just had to leave town. I appreciate very much your kind thoughtfulness. It will be a pleasure to see you next Monday after the Board Meeting or during the evening, at your convenience.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Oct. 30.



October 31st, 1908.

Dr. David Bovaird,  
126 West 58th Street,  
New York City.

My dear David:

Can you tell me anything of the professional standing, as an oculist, of Dr. P. Chalmers Jackson, 135 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. We have been told that he is one of the best men in his profession in this neighborhood. Can you tell me how he is regarded?

Alas! I am not going to be able to get to the Yale-Princeton game this year. I have to be in Chicago on the 13th and cannot get back in time, greatly to Elliott's distress.

Ever your friend,

*David Bovaird is a very fine man & is, I believe, one of the best oculists in the country.*

October 31st, 1908.

President Kenyon L. Butterfield,

Amherst, Mass.

Dear President Butterfield:

Your kind note of October 26th has been received. I wish I could accept your invitation. I have on several occasions of which I have spoken to the students of the Agricultural College in past years, but I cannot come there any Sunday morning this year as I have engagements for all of my Sundays until next Summer. I hope, however, that you can get enough men to enable you to carry out the plan proposed.

Very sincerely yours,

October 31st, 1908.

Mr. F.B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:

I have just been reading a copy of Mr. Cushing's letter of October 12th to me, in reply to my enquiry regarding Mr. Bronson's work at Simsbury. Mr. Cushing speaks of his opinion as confidential, but I think that in view of the fact that we have seemed to drop consideration of Mr. Bronson, it might be well if you would destroy that letter.

Very cordially yours,

October 31st, 1908.

Mr. William Dulles,

Englewood, N.J.

My dear Will:

I have just looked up Mr. Beall's Church in Salisbury.

It is a church of 201 members. Last year 39 were added on examination and 9 on certificate. There are 212 members in the Sunday School, and the Church gave \$150. to Home Missions and \$150. to Foreign Missions. Its total congregational expenses were \$3001. I am writing to Mr. Stone of Baltimore regarding him.

Very affectionately yours,



October 31st, 1908.

Rev. John Timothy Stone,  
Brown Memorial Manse,  
Baltimore, Md.

My Dear John:

W. Teall of Salisbury, Md. has been mentioned in one of the meetings of our Church Committee on a "new Pastor, and I was asked to make some enquiry regarding him. It is not one of the names most immediately under consideration, but of course we are looking in every direction and want just the right man and think we are as likely to find him in some young man not so conspicuous as we are in any of the shining lights. You know just what kind of a Church we have. Do you think that Mr. Teall would be an ideal man for us, or would he be a man of qualifications, or no man at all?

I saw the Deacon again to-day and we had a nice little talk together. I think we have occasion to feel very happy over the boy.

Very affectionately yours,

October 31st, 1908.

The Rev. John M. Waddell,  
1008 Kanawah Street,  
Charlestown, W. Va.

My dear Johnnie:

I was delighted to receive, this morning, your good letter of October 26th. It was good to hear from you, but I am sorry you are so far away. It is your being so far away that makes it so hard to accept such invitations, however alluring, and I am very much afraid there will be no possibility of my coming to Charlestown for the Presbyterian Society's meeting next May. That is just before the General Assembly, and we shall have to be getting everything ready for it here and some of us, - perhaps I among the number - will have to be getting things into shape before a long trip to Denver. I think, accordingly, that it would be better for Mrs. Waddell to try to arrange for some one else to come, and I would suggest her trying to get the Rev. A.A. Fulton, D.D., who is making his headquarters while at home on furlough at Wooster, Ohio. He is one of our most rousing missionary speakers, from our South China Mission. If there were any possibility of my coming I would rejoice, but I see little or none.

With warm regards, I am

Your sincere friend,

October 31st, 1908L

Mr. W.M. Hackenberg,

Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hackenberg:

It was a great pleasure to receive, yesterday, your letter of October 26th, and I shall be glad to do anything in my power to help to bring the young people of the various Churches into closer relationship, and appreciate heartily your invitation to Mr. Mott and me to come to the Convention of your Lutheran young people next April. I am sure that Mr. Mott would be glad to come if he could, as I would, but he sails next week for Europe, to be gone until next August; and as for me, April is the last month of our fiscal year, as well as the month in which our various men's Boards have their Annual Meetings, and I fear it would not be possible for me to get the time to attend the Convention in Springfield. We have some splendid men among the missionary forces of our Church, however, some of whom I hope might be available, who could contribute greatly to the Convention, and who would serve to strengthen the ties binding the young people of your denomination to the young people of our own. I would suggest, especially, the Rev. A.A. Fulton, D.D., to whom, as much as to any other one man, the missionary interest of the Christian Endeavor Societies has been due. Dr. Fulton is now at home on furlough from China and is making his headquarters in Worcester, C.

If there is any way in which it is in my power to serve you in connection with the Convention, I hope you will let me know.

Very cordially yours,



October 31st, 1908.

Mr. George T. Scott,

McCormick Theological Seminary,

1200 North Halstead Street,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear George:

I was away on a Western trip when your kind note of the 13th came, but Mrs. Speer forwarded it to me. It was a very great pleasure to hear from you, and I only hope that the lectures may be serviceable. Dr. McClure has kindly invited me to stay with him, and with his consent I should be glad to take dinner some evening in response to your cordial invitation, with the Senior Club.

Very cordially yours,



October 31st, 1902.

Mr. W.P. Blessing,

328 Wabash Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Blessing:

Your kind note of October 25th, with the copy of Mrs. Lamareaux's book, are just received. I shall hope to be able to look the book over, but have a long row of books which I have promised to review, some of which I have had on hand for more than a year, and I do not know when I shall have time to read "The Unfolding Life." In any case, I must say frankly that I do not like to give commendations of books for advertising purposes, although there are circumstances when it is proper to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

November 2nd, 1908.

Mr. A.D. Stauffacher,  
23 Franklin Avenue,  
Naperville, Ill.

My dear Mr. Stauffacher:

Your kind note of October 21st was received and acknowledged during my absence from the City. I am writing as early as possible after returning to thank you for your cordial invitation. I should be glad if I could accept it, but I am afraid the other engagements which I have in connection with my lectures in McCormick will prevent my coming.

I have engagements for every day except Thursday, and have already promised that if I could make any more appointments I would go out to the Garrett Biblical Institute.

I remember very well a visit I made to your College nearly twenty years ago, and it would be a great pleasure to me to come back this time if only it were possible.

Very sincerely yours,

November 1st, 1908.

Mr. Elsie A. Perkins,

Provident Savings Bank,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Perkins:-

Your very kind note has been received.

I wish I could reply to you soon, but my schedule is very  
crowded here until the 15th of next month, and I do not see any  
possibility of being able to get in a visit to Baltimore. I have even  
had to give up plans for the purpose of getting down for a visit to Mr. Stone.

With kind regards,

Very cordially yours,

November 21, 1914.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

[unclear]

I am sorry your invitation to be present at the Conference on [unclear] will [unclear] my other work and engagements will make that impossible. I hope you may have a good meeting. We all rejoice in the advance which the men of your church are making.

Very cordially yours,



November 2nd, 1906.

Mr. G. A. Warburton,  
277 Broadway,  
New York City.

My dear George:-

I was very much interested in your note of the 30th, just received.

I had not heard that you had resigned the Secretaryship and gone into business, but I wish you true success and hope that I shall not see any less of you in your new line of work, and shall venture, now that you are not tied down to the responsibilities of a local Secretaryship, to give your name to people wanting a speaker for meetings of one kind and another. I know that you will not diminish at all your interest and activity in the work which is above every other work.

Very cordially yours,



November 2nd, 1903.

Mr. Henry A. Gregory,

106 West 27th Street,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Gregory:-

I have to go to Pittsburgh and  
Chicago the end of this week, and fear I shall  
not be able to get to the meeting of the A. I. & D.  
Committee, on Friday afternoon.

Very cordially yours,

an engagement for that Sunday at Wellesley. All my other Sundays are full, also, for a good many months ahead, but I shall be sure to come to the Village when I can and shall let you know. I hope it will not be difficult to provide for a speaker for the 15th. If you have no one I shall suggest Mr. George H. Madison, Secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, in Madison, now in the investment business at 277 Broadway. He would be an excellent man to have.

Very cordially yours,



Mr. Edwin M. Bulkeley,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Ned:-

After our arrangement with Dr. Hottel expires, in case we  
 cannot find a successor, I shall have to suggest the name of Mr.  
 John H. Strong, of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Strong is a son of President  
 Strong of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rochester, and is himself  
 a professor in the Seminary. He was a classmate of mine at Andover  
 and spent the last summer of his college life at Pleasant Hill. He is now at  
 Rochester and will be glad to see me, but I have not time to write  
 more.

Might it not be worth while, also, to see whether Dr. Adam,  
 of Hallowell, would not come to our aid? Dr. Adam  
 is a very good man, and I know, and believe, that he  
 We might get Mr. Stone, of Baltimore, also for a Sunday; and would  
 like to see him, and get his views on the subject.

It seems to me that we shall certainly have to have supplies  
 of some kind, and that we shall be well in  
 assuming this in making arrangements with such men as these whom we  
 would like to have.

Very respectfully,  
 Wm. Brewster

New York City.

My dear David:-

I spoke to Mrs. Speer about your most generous proposal to take Elliott down to the game, but she thinks it would be a little too much of an undertaking. He is a high-strung youngster, and besides, I confess I want to be along to see how the first big game lays hold of him; so I think we shall have to put off his going until next year, when I shall certainly try to take him, and we must plan to go together.

Company,  
& Seventh Ave., at 48th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Albert:-

This will introduce Charles H. Cahill, of whom I have written to you, who completes the end of this week, I think, his course in the Young Men's Christian Association Automobile School.

I shall be very grateful for any advice that you can give him, and especially if you are able to direct him to employment.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Chas. H. Cahill,

Y.M.C.A., 57th Street, New York City.

My Dear Sir:

I am hoping to hear from you as to Wednesday, and trust you can come out with me that night. Elliott was delighted at the prospect of your coming.

I have heard that Mr. Dittman, of the Manhattan Company, is coming to New York City, and he will be glad to meet you some time. I enclose herewith a note of introduction, which you can take to him when you see him next week, and you can get on.

I hope you will have a good talk with Mr. Dittman. He is a very good man. I have not heard him speaking since the war, but I think you would get some good out of him in your talks with him as time goes on.

I hope that just the right thing is going to open up.

Ever your friend,

Wm. D. ...



November 1, 1903.

The Rev. George H. Smyth, Jr.,  
54 West 57th Street,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Smyth:-

Mr. Stone has sent me your letter of October 29th to him. I think I had already written to him, in a letter which probably crossed his, speaking of you and your interest in Cahill.

I am delighted that you have got hold of him. I have just sent him a note to come to see me to Mr. Dutton, of the Standard Company. I have got to ask Mr. Stone & Mr. Coleman finally to let them know whether they can get engaged for him, and I hope that you will do the best regardless of what others are doing in other directions.

I have to leave on Saturday, of this week, to be gone for eight or ten days, and as we have not yet got settled this week, it may be necessary to leave the matter to your hands. I shall see Bowen and may be able to get him up to the end of this week, and I will see him before I go away, and find out just how he stands.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 14, 1906.

Mr. H. H. Studebaker,  
 President of the Studebaker Corporation,  
 400 North La Salle St.,  
 Chicago, Ill.

My dear Sir:-

Your kind note of the 30th was received on Saturday.

I have written back to you, but have given you a note of introduction.

I have never met any of the Studebakers personally, but I would like to know them. I am sure it is worth the trouble to know them. I am sure I will get a lot of good out of it. You will see better after talking with him. He is a very good man. He is a very good man. A few friends have loaned him the money for his training thus far.

Very cordially yours,

November 2nd, 1906.

Mr. Harry C. Myers,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Myers:

Your letter of October 14th, informing me of my election as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Young People's Missionary Movement, came while I was away on a Western trip. I shall be very glad indeed to serve and to render any service I can to the Movement.

Very sincerely yours,

November 2nd, 1908.

Mr. Alexander Reise,  
21 North Hall,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Reise:

Your kind note of October 27th has been received, and I have a cordial invitation from Dr. Parker to send Wednesday at the University. I am sorry that the other work I have will not permit my being free for a whole day, and I am writing to Dr. Parker that I shall be glad to speak at the meeting which he proposes at four o'clock in the afternoon.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 2nd, 1908.

Dr. A.K.Parker,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Parker:

Your very kind letter of October 28th has been received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to spend the whole day in the University next Wednesday, November 11th. I have work that will occupy me all morning. But I shall be glad to come for the meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon, if that will be satisfactory. I shall assume that it will unless I hear from you to the contrary. I shall be staying in Chicago with Dr. McClure at 1070 North Halstead Street.

I appreciate very much your cordial invitation to luncheon and am sorry it will not be possible for me to get down in time, but I will be on hand at four o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

November 2nd, 1908.

Mr. O.D. Wood;

Garrett Biblical Institute,

Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your kind note of October 21st has been received.

The only possible time, as far as I can see, that I might be able to come out to Evanston, would be Thursday afternoon November 12th, and I cannot say definitely now as to that, but if you would call me up by telephone on Monday or Tuesday, at the home of Dr. J. J. McClure, 2070 North Halsted Street, Chicago, I could let you know definitely.

Very sincerely yours,

November 2nd, 1908.

Miss Margaret N. Sherman,  
1600 West 7th Street,  
Wilmington, DEL.

My dear Margaret:

As you may know, we are now looking for a pastor for our Church in Englewood, and one of the men we have been considering is Murray Howland. None of our people have gone up to hear him yet, but they have heard a great deal about him and all of the most satisfactory character. Do you think he would be just the kind of a man for our Church and community? You know what his character is, and it would be wrong, both to the Church and to the man, to call a man who might be a great success elsewhere but might not succeed in the same way Englewood. I wish very much that you would tell me frankly just what you think of him.

We are all well at home. Elliott was delighted to get your telegram yesterday. We were all out walking at the time, and the telegraph operator considerably said he would hold the message and deliver it to Elliott, so that when we came in Elliott called him up and was greatly pleased. We are all as well as well can be, and hope that you and Mother Susie will come to visit us soon.

Very affectionately yours,

November 2nd, 1908.

Mr. Walter Getty,

616 North Avenue, West,

Allegheny, PA.

My dear Mr. Getty:

Your kind note was received and acknowledged during my absence from the City. I write as soon as possible after returning in reply. I am very sorry it will not be possible for me to stop over to speak for you on Monday, November 9th, but I have to be in Chicago that day and spend a week there.

Very cordially yours,



November 2nd, 1900.

Mrs. D.S. Norton,  
2023 North Merivale Street,  
Philadelphia, PA.

My dear Mrs. Norton:

I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me  
to leave for the West Coast in March. Can we help you in getting  
Dr. Fulton from South China.

Very cordially yours,

November 2nd, 1903.

The Rev. J.R. Leyerberger,  
3842 Eoff Street,  
Wheeling, W.Va.

My dear Mr. Leyerberger:

Your kind letter of October 19th was duly received.

I appreciate the cordiality of your invitation for some day either in October or November of next year. That will depend, however, on where I have to go next Fall. This Fall I had to be in the Northwestern Synods, a year ago in the Southwestern Synods, and two years ago on the Pacific Coast. Next year I may have to be in South America or in Korea. I do not think I shall be able to make any engagements for next year until in the Spring or early Summer, and as I say, what ones I make will have to depend, of course, on any long trips which might be necessary.

I am glad that you have had such a good meeting, and that you have had Mr. McConaughy and Mr. McWilliams with you also.

Very cordially yours,

October 31st, 1906.

Miss M. Jennings,  
 11 A.S.L.,  
 215 West 57th Street,  
 New York City.

My dear Miss Jennings:

I was very glad indeed to get your letter of October 25th, and shall be happy to do anything that I can to help you to find the truth, which it is evident you are so earnestly seeking, although I do not know that I can, without knowing more than your letter tells, really help you adequately, but I do hope that you will believe that I am both ready and eager to do anything I can, and that I thank you heartily for the confidence which your letter indicates.

The great truth which it seems to me is a comfort to one who is discontented, as you are, is that we cannot possibly long for God and the love of God as God and God's love are longing for us. No child, however great his affection for a true father, can yearn for that father's love and care as the father yearns to bestow them on the child. Indeed, I think these very discontents that burden us so are merely the stirrings of God's loving spirit within us, and that they prove better than anything else how deep His love for us is, and show how intensely He is seeking for us. There is a great sermon by H. race Pashell entitled "Longing for God is But Letting God Love Us."

It is just because it is all so easy and simple as this, I think, that we find it so difficult. We want to make the problem of life a complicated one, whereas it is only the simple problem of child-like trust in a loving Father. We are so wise, however, that we will not believe this, and so strong that we will not lay ourselves down in the arms of God.

Of course, I know that there are intellectual problems, but once



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Our hearts are truly trustful toward God, these problems, with their perplexities, will either give us joy as we try to solve them, or a deeper peace as we accept our inability to solve them and agree to wait until the day that God shall make all things plain to our hearts.

I don't know from your letter just which of these problems may be troubling you now. If I did, I could perhaps suggest or send to you some book that would help you. I was looking over one book to-day, with your letter in mind, but I don't know whether it would be just what you want. It is Clark's "Philosophy of Christian Principles," and is a much simpler book than its title might indicate, but I don't know that it would be really what you want, and perhaps the little booklet which I enclose may put the matter simply enough.

I hope very much that you will write again and tell me more fully what the difficulties are, and I should be very happy, if you are free during the day, if you would come and let us talk them over together; or Mrs. Spear would be only too happy to meet you some time and to take you over and there are many hearts that would rejoice to help you.

Thanking you again for your letter, and hoping to hear from you soon again, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 4th, 1933.

Mr. John R. Mett,  
Steamship Adriatic,  
White Star Line.

At love best wishes and prayers for you both from Mrs. Speer and me

Robert E. Speer?

November 4th, 1908.

Mr. Wilfred W. Frye,

Young Men's Christian Association,

Penn & Seventh Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Frye:-

Your kind note of October 31st was received some time ago,  
just on the eve of my leaving for an extended trip West.

I shall hope to leave for Pittsburgh on Saturday, on the train  
arriving at about 11 A. M. I leave for New York on Monday evening,  
so that I must leave Pittsburgh on the Pennsylvania Special at midnight  
Sunday night, unless there is some other train leaving that night that  
would get me to Chicago the next afternoon. Would it be troubling you to  
have to ask you to look the matter up, and to reserve a berth for me from  
Pittsburgh to Chicago, either on a special or upon other train as soon as  
leave late enough Sunday night to make practically no Sunday travelling, and  
would get me to Chicago the time for the special the next evening?  
I feel that the special is the best train that will do it. It may be necessary  
to buy a ticket and berth in order to make the reservation. If so, will you  
please do this? and I will reimburse you.

Very cordially yours,

Chicago, Ill., 1900.

1070 North Halsted St.,  
Chicago, Ills.

My dear Dr. McClure:-

I am sorry to hear that you are in Chicago nine A.M., or on the way to Chicago, and that you are probably at the former, and still in the city. I am sorry to hear that you are in Chicago nine A.M., or on the way to Chicago, and that you are probably at the former, and still in the city.

Please do not let any one go to the trouble of meeting me.

Very cordially yours,

November 4th, 1908.

The Rev. Charles Ellis Smith,

Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mr. Smith:

Your good note of October 18th was received and communicated while I was away in the West. The only Wednesdays I shall have free this year after November 25th will be December 13rd and 30th. I should be glad to come for either of these days instead of November 25th if that will be satisfactory, but I am afraid they are both unfortunate days because of their proximity to the holidays. In January I have no engagement for the 5th, but that is the Day of Prayer, and I presume there will be some combination between our two Churches as usual.

If none of these days will do, we can arrange some later one I am sure. As for earlier Wednesdays, the only one that I have free is November 18th, and that comes in a very busy week and immediately after returning from a Western trip so that I would rather come some one of the later evenings.

Very cordially yours,



November 5th, 1908.

Dr. Herbert E. Baright,

23 Union Square,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Baright:-

I enclose herewith the five more days needed, and shall hope to send you, within a few days, a good section of the material for the next month.

Very cordially yours,

Wm. H. Murray

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November 5th, 1908.

The Rev. James Henry,  
Church of the Covenant,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear James:-

Among those who have been mentioned to us in connection with our Church is the Rev. Howard Chidley. Mr. Schenck writes in a note I have just received from him:

"A little while before his death, Rev. Cuthbert Hall recommended to the Rev. Dr. Cadman, Pastor of the Central Congregational Church of Brooklyn, for the position of Assistant Minister of that Church, Rev. Howard Chidley.

Mr. Chidley preached there twice yesterday, in the absence of Dr. Cadman, and I am told by one of the congregation that his sermons made a powerful impression and that he is very highly esteemed in the Church. He is acting as Superintendent of the Sunday School, he is popular with young people, and generally is considered too promising a man to be long retained there as Assistant Minister.

I understand that he is unmarried, rather short in stature, but has a very pleasing personality, a fine mind and beautiful spirit. Do you know him? If not, could you not ascertain more about him through Union Seminary people?"

You must know Mr. Chidley. Do you think he would be just the man for us?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Nov. 4th.

November 5th, 1908.

Miss Evelyn S. Hall,  
East Northfield,  
Mass.

My dear Miss Hall:-

Your kind note of November 2nd has been duly received, and I had your previous note, but have been delayed in answering my correspondence because of a long absence in the West.

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to come up for the 28th. I would greatly enjoy having that day with you if I could come; I only wish it were possible to come and bring Mrs. Speer.

Very cordially yours,

November 5th, 1908.

The Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D.,

2 Spencer Place,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Cadman:-

Our Church in Englewood, N. J. is engaged in the Christian occupation of looking for the best man it can carry off from other people to fill the vacant pastorate in our Church, which is, I think, one of the best suburban churches around New York.

The name of your Assistant, Mr. Chidley, has been suggested to us. I am making bold to come straight to you, to ask whether you think he would be the right man for such a church as ours. We have a membership of over 500, with a great deal of power in the Church, which is made up of the nicest people one could find, with comfortable wealth, the finest spirit and social character, without any splurge or foolishness. You know what a hard task it is for a church in such a position to find the right man, and I know will sympathize with us even though such an inquiry as this comes closely home.

Very sincerely yours,



November 5th, 1908.

Mr. F. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

Your note of the 2nd regarding Mr. Chidley is received, and I am writing at once regarding him to several friends, and will leave word to have any replies forwarded to you, as I have to go away on Saturday of this week to be gone until the 16th.

I met the other day Dr. Alexander, of Cleveland, who is commended to us by Dr. Francis Brown, and Mr. Odell, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Scranton, has just been in to speak warmly of him. I was pleasantly impressed with him. He would be about the age of Dr. Nottman--perhaps a little younger--with more physical vigor but perhaps with less finish. He has just been studying in Germany and is evidently a man of intellectual force, who has been studying in the modern critical school without being carried away by it. My fear would be, with reference both to him and Dr. Nottman, that there would not be enough loving personality put into pastoral work among the old and young. I have no doubt there would be entire fidelity, but what we need is deep and sympathetic personal interest. This, as far as I can judge from what has thus far come to us, Mr. Howland and Mr. Schell, and perhaps this young Mr. Chidley, would provide.

Very faithfully yours,

Dictated Nov. 4th.

November 6th, 1903.

The Rev. Howard Duffield, D.D.,

First Presbyterian Church,

12th Street & 5th Ave., New York City.

My dear Dr. Duffield:-

After our conversation last spring, I wrote you with reference to a series of evening meetings in the Old First Church, but you had just gone abroad. My letter was kindly acknowledge, however, with a statement that the matter would have to be taken up after your return.

I am wondering now whether you will want any such help as I could try to give in such a series as was talked of. I have promised to speak for Dr. Stevenson four Sunday evenings in January, the 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, and it was the evenings of these days that I could come down to the Old First, and those are the only evenings of the year when I could, and if there are other plans for the better use of those evenings, I should rejoice to have them at home, but after our talk last winter I thought I ought to let you know they are open at present.

I hope you had a good summer, and, with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

November 6th, 1908.

Miss Mary Leitch,

Ridgewood,

N. J.

My dear Miss Leitch:-

Your note of October 13th, with reference to Mr. Wishard, came while I was away in the West.

I was very glad to get it and to note the very different impression which it would make regarding Mr. Wishard from that your previous letter made. At the time I received your previous letter, in addition to telegraphing I wrote but afterwards destroyed my letter, fearing that it expressed too strongly my misgivings as to the consequences of such letters as your previous one. I trust that you did not write in that vein to others, because of the possible injury that such representations might do to Mr. Wishard and the serious consequences in which they might involve you. I trust that everything has been satisfactorily arranged, and, with kind regards to your sister and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 6th, 1908.

Mr. William Dulles, Jr.,  
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Will:-

I enclose herewith Mr. Stone's reply to my inquiry regarding

Mr. Beale of Salisbury.

I continue to get good reports regarding Mr. Howland, and it does seem to me that we ought to follow him up at once and decide whether he is the man for us, and if so, ask him whether he would accept the call.

Very affectionately yours,

Enclosure.



November 6th, 1908.

Mr. Charles F. Powlison,  
316 West 57th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Powlison:-

I am sorry to have missed you when you called on October 22nd. Mr. Dyack called up later from the Association, and I told him it would not be possible for me to come to the meeting on November 6th. I cannot speak for you on December 22nd either, and I am doubtful about December 27th, but if you will write to me in a fortnight or so, I can let you know. I am having to go away to Chicago for the next six or seven days.

Very cordially yours,

November 6th, 1908.

Miss Jane W. Button,

Wellesley College,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Button:-

Your kind letter of October 27th has been duly received. I have received, also, a note from Miss Whiteside, proposing a Student Volunteer meeting for Sunday afternoon.

I have written to her to ask her whether she has consulted with you and whether this is to take the place of the personal interviews. I do not feel that with the other meetings and work which I will have with me, I could give the whole afternoon to interviews and the special meeting, but I shall be glad to do one or the other,- either have the Volunteer meeting or else give an hour or an hour and a half, if desired, to personal interviews. I shall have to leave it to you and Miss Whiteside to arrange.

Very sincerely yours,

November 6th, 1903.

Miss Ida Whiteside,

Observatory House,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Whiteside:-

Your kind note of November 4th is received.

I have received also your previous letter, but have been away a great deal and have been unable to keep up with the correspondence.

I shall be very glad to make a missionary address at the Vesper Service on the evening of November 29th. I have received a note from Miss Sutton, asking me to reserve the afternoon for personal interviews. Have you consulted with her, and have you agreed that it would be wiser to have, instead, a meeting of the Volunteers, as you suggest? I shall be very glad to meet with the Volunteers or to give an hour or an hour and a half to personal interviews, but I have some other things that I shall have to get done between meetings, and hardly feel that I can promise to spend the whole afternoon in interviews and the Volunteer meeting.

Very cordially yours,



November 6th, 1908.

Mr. F. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

I have a letter from a long-time friend of Mrs. Speer's and mine with reference to Mr. Howland. It is very personal, but I think you will find it all the more helpful in getting an estimate of Mr. Howland. I am still inclined to think that the best thing for us to do is to follow up this lead at once and have enough men hear Mr. Howland and talk with people in Syracuse about him to enable us to make up our own minds, and then, if we are satisfied, to ascertain whether he will consider a call.

The friend to whom I refer, who was a classmate of Mrs. Speer's in Bryn Mawr and who has known Mr. Howland intimately for years, writes:

"I find it really very difficult to reply to your inquiry about Murray Howland and the Englewood Church.

I know nothing from personal observation of his work, but, as you have probably heard, he has built up a strong young church, and his people are devoted to him. But the few times that I have seen him in the last dozen years we have talked of his work, and I know he is a strong, earnest and simple fellow. With all his success the thing I always feel in him is a very real humility and simple earnestness, and it has seemed the more remarkable because when in college I used to think he had his full share of intellectual conceit. But he seems now to have grown into the very opposite spirit. His sister has often said to me 'Murray is a wonderful person to live with. He is never worried or anxious and I never knew him to be cross.' His spiritual life I know is deep and sure. So, as far as I know him, I should think he is a true minister. My only hesitation is rather for his sake.

Is it not almost too subtle a temptation for a young man to keep his ideals pure in a rather rich suburban church and away from any touch with the lives of the poor in the big cities? It seems so difficult not to lower the standard a little - but this seems away from your question.

In the Englewood church and community I think Murray would soon become a strong influence and make a warm place in people's hearts. And yet - and yet - somehow - for his own sake alone, I could wish he pay



Mr. Schenck--C.

stay in Syracuse or go to another big city parish."

I have had no reply as yet to my letters regarding Mr.  
Childley.

Very cordially yours,

November 6th, 1908.

The Rev. Charles E. Greitz,  
611 Walnut St.,  
Reading, Pa.

My dear Mr. Greitz:-

Your kind note is just received.

I wish I could hope to have the pleasure of accepting your invitation, but I have already promised as much time next summer for summer conferences as I can hope to be able to take from my office work. If I am able to get away in July for anything more than the Student Conferences, which I have promised to attend, I must go to Eaglesmere to the State Bible Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 6th, 1908.

Mrs. McCormick,

135 Rush Street,

Chicago, Ills.

My dear Mrs. McCormick:-

Your very kind telegram has been received.

I appreciate deeply your kind invitation, and remember with delight my last visit. I have already accepted, however, Dr. McClure's invitation to stay with him during the lectures. I shall hope very much, however, to have the pleasure of coming to see you some time during the week.

Very cordially yours,

November 6th, 1906.

Miss Helen B. Hazen,  
South Hadley,  
Mass.

My dear Miss Hadley:-

Your kind note of November 2nd is just received.

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to be present at the Western Massachusetts Volunteer Union next spring. I have already engagements for April 25th and May 9th which would prevent my being at Mount Holyoke either of those days or the days preceding.

Very cordially yours,



November 6th, 1908.

Mr. Alexander R. Gulick,

The Princeton Club,

Gramercy Square & Lexington Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Alex:-

Some time ago I addressed to the Membership Committee of the Club a note nominating Sailer for membership, and sent with it a second to the nomination from Dr. Brown. This must have been three weeks or more ago, but I do not see Sailer's name posted on the list of nominations, although there are names posted that were nominated at a later date.

Will you kindly have the matter attended to and see that Sailer is put through? He is out West now, but will be back shortly and will be wanting to make use of the privileges of the Club.

Very cordially yours,

November 6th, 1908.

Dr. Herbert E. Baright,

23 Union Square,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Baright:-

I send herewith some more  
material for "Daily Bible."

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.

November 6th, 1908.

President A. R. Taylor,

Decatur,

Illa.

My dear President Taylor:-

I am sorry it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation for December 4th. I have already half a dozen engagements for that week here in the East, and have to be in Philadelphia at the convention of the Federation of Churches on the evening of the 3rd. I wish it were possible for me to come. I remember with very much pleasure my last visit and your kindness and Mrs. Taylor's.

Very sincerely yours,

November 6th, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Hearn,

167 Tremont St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hearn:-

Your note of November 4th is received. I shall come up to Boston on the train reaching Boston at six P.M., leaving New York at one o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,





November 7th, 1908.

Mr. W. R. Moody,

East Northfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Moody:-

Your letter of yesterday with the enclosed MS  
has just been received.

Mr. Speer left this morning for Chicago, where he has gone  
to deliver a series of lectures in McCormick Seminary, and does not  
expect to return to New York until the 16th. Unless I hear from you  
to the contrary, accordingly, I will hold your letter until that time.

Very sincerely yours,

*(Mrs) Mary Wright*

Secretary to Mr. Robert A. Speer.

November 7th, 1906.

The Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D.,

Fifth Ave. & Fifty Fifth St.,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Stevenson:-

Your letter of yesterday has just been received.

Mr. Speer left for Chicago this morning to be gone until the 16th, and I am sending your letter to the Chairman of the Committee which has charge of the matter of supplies for the Englewood Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

November 7th, 1908.

Mr. F. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

I enclose herewith a letter received in Mr.  
Speer's mail this morning from Dr. Stevenson. I have acknowledged  
it and kept a copy for Mr. Speer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.



Mr. Robert E. Speer regrets his inability,  
on account of a previous engagement, to accept the kind  
invitation of the Directors of (The Union Theological )  
Seminary to be present on the occasion of the laying  
of the Corner Stone of the New Buildings of the Seminary  
on the afternoon of Tuesday, the seventeenth of November,  
one thousand, nine hundred and eight.

Mr. Robert H. Spear regrets his inability,  
on account of a previous engagement, to accept the kind  
invitation of the Board of Trustees of The Western College ),  
for Women to be present at the inauguration of  
Reverend John Grant Newman, D.D. as President of the  
College on Thursday, November the nineteenth, nineteen  
hundred eight.

Mr. Robert E. Speer regrets his inability,  
on account of a previous engagement, to accept the  
kind invitation of the Directors of The (Union Theological  
Seminary to be present at the Inauguration of  
The Reverend Professor Francis Brown, D.D., LL.D.  
as President of the Faculty, on the evening of Tuesday,  
the seventeenth of November, one thousand, nine hundred  
and eight.

November 9th, 1908.

Mr. F. B. Schenck,  
Liberty National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Schenck:-

I enclose herewith a letter from Dr. Cadman of  
Brooklyn, also one from Mr. Henry of Washington regarding Mr. Chidley.  
I have acknowledged these letters and retained copies of them for  
Mr. Speer.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

Enclosures.



November 9th, 1908.

The Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D.,

2 Spencer Place,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Cadman:-

In Mr. Spear's absence from the office, I would  
acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of November 7th  
and thank you for your prompt reply to his inquiry.

Very sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth C. Spear*  
Secretary to Mr. Robert B. Spear.

November 9th, 1908.

The Rev. James M. Henry,

Church of the Covenant,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Henry:-

In Mr. Speer's absence from the office, I would acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 7th and thank you for your prompt reply to his inquiry. I am sending a copy of your letter to the Chairman of the Committee having this matter in charge.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

November 9th, 1908.

Mr. C. M. Keeler,  
Young People's Missionary Movement,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

In Mr. Spear's absence from the  
office, I would acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of November 6th with the  
enclosed check for \$8.00.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Spear.

November 1904, 1906.

Mr. William Langdon,  
53 Via Poli,  
Rome, Italy.

My dear Mr. Langdon:

Your postal card of October 31st  
has been received in Mr. Speer's absence from  
the office. As his letter to you of October  
19th has evidently gone astray, I enclose herewith  
a copy of it, together with a duplicate receipt.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.



November 14th, 1908.

Mr. John H. Wyburn,

316 Water St.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Wyburn:-

Replying to your letter of November 13th, which has been received in Mr. Speer's absence in Chicago, I would say that he has already promised to speak at Fellsburg, Mass., on the 29th, so that it will be impossible for him to accept your kind invitation to be present at your Anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Robert E. Speer.

President M. Woolsey Stryker,

Hamilton, N. Y.

Clinton, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Stryker:-

Our church in Hamilton, N. Y., one of the strongest of the suburban churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday endeavoring to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most benefited by.

In behalf of the Committee on Supplies, I write to you whether there is any Sunday in December, January, or February when you could come and preach for us. We have a morning and an afternoon service. If you have two Sundays free during the three months mentioned in which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of duplicate dates.

With kind regards

Very sincerely,  
M. W. Stryker

November 17th, 1900.

Professor Paul Van Dyke,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Van Dyke:-

Our church in Englewood, N. J., one of the strongest of the substantial churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we can find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, and hoping to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most glad to hear.

In behalf of the Committee on Synthesis, I have to ask whether there is any Sunday in December, January or February when you could come and preach for us. We have a morning and afternoon service. If you have two Sundays free during the three months mentioned on which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of duplicate dates.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Professor Robert Willis Thompson,

1011 Walnut St.,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Thompson:-

Our church in Inglewood, N. J., one of the strongest of the suburban churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we can find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, endeavouring to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most glad to hear.

In behalf of the Committee on Supplies, I write to ask whether there is any Sunday in December, January or February when you could come and preach for us. We have a morning and an afternoon service. If you have two or three days over, during the three months mentioned, on which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of unexpected changes.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,



Professor Ambrose W. Vernon,  
Yale Divinity School,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Dr. Vernon:-

Our Church in Englewood, N. J., one of the strongest of the suburban Churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we can find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, endeavoring to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most glad to hear.

In behalf of the Committee on Supplies, I write to ask whether there is any Sunday in December, January or February when you could come and preach for us? We have a morning and an afternoon service. If you have two Sundays free, during the three months mentioned, on which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of duplicate dates.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 17th, 1908.

Professor M. W. Jacobus,

Hartford Theological Seminary,

Hartford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Jacobus:-

Our Church in Englewood, N. J., one of the strongest of the suburban Churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we can find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, endeavoring to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most glad to hear.

In behalf of the Committee on Supplies, I write to ask whether there is any Sunday in December, January or February when you could come and preach for us? We have a morning and an afternoon service. If you have two Sundays free, during the three months mentioned, on which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of duplicate dates.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 17th, 1900.

Professor Cornelius Woelfkin,

Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Woelfkin:-

Our church in Englewood, N. J., one of the strongest of the Lutheran churches in the neighborhood of New York, is now without a pastor, and until we can find a suitable man we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, endeavoring to secure the help of those whom we think our people would be most glad to hear.

In behalf of the Committee on Supplies, I write to ask whether there is any Sunday in December, January, or February when you could come and preach for us. We have a morning and an afternoon service. If you have two Sundays free during the three months mentioned on which you could come, and would let us know, it would make it easier for us to arrange our schedule in case of duplicate dates.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 17th, 1913.

Professor John H. Strong,  
Rochester Theological Seminary,  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear John:-

Our church in Burlewood is without a pastor now. While we are looking for another man, we are supplying the pulpit with those whom we think our people would like to hear, and are very anxious to have you come down and preach for us.

Could you come for the first Sunday in December as our regular supply for that day? I hope very much that you can. If you are engaged for that Sunday, will you let me know what Sunday you would be free and could come?

With kind regards to Mrs. Strong and the children,

Very affectionately yours,



November 17th, 1908.

The Rev. J. D. Adam, D.D.,

Orange, N. J.

My dear Adam:-

As you know, our Church in Englewood is looking for a pastor, and until we find one we are having to supply the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday.

Cannot you come over and preach for us some Sunday when Dr. Ludlow is preaching in your Church? We have a morning and afternoon service, and if it would make it more convenient for you, I think we could arrange to send for you and take you back by automobile, if the weather permitted.

With kind regards to Mrs. Adam,

Your sincere friend,

November 17th, 1901.

Professor Charles E. Erdman,

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Charlie:-

Have you any Sunday free in November, January or February when you could come and preach for us in Englewood?

If you have, won't you let us know what it is so that we can arrange for it. If you have two Sundays free, I wish you would name them, as that might help us in arranging matters in case of any duplicate dates.

Very affectionately yours,

November 17th, 1900.

The Rev. John Timothy Stone,

Baltimore, Md.

My dear John:-

I just got back yesterday, after a ten days' absence and have not yet seen the Deacon. I am writing to him to find out just what the situation is.

As you know, our Church in Englewood is now vacant and we are looking for a minister. Meanwhile, we have to supply the pulpit, and I write to ask whether you would come up some Sunday for us in December, January or February? or have you as many engagements away as you can make? I hope you have not. We shall be so happy to have you come.

Ever affectionately yours,

November 17th, 1906.

The Rev. W. T. Elsing, D.D.,  
290 Rivington St.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Elsing:-

I returned yesterday from a ten days' absence  
to find your kind note of November 6th with its generous enclosure.

You must not think of doing anything of the kind.  
It was only a pleasure to come down and have the evening with you,  
and you must let me return the check herewith. I am the one who  
am under obligations to you for the inspiration of your faithfulness  
and courage.

Your sincere friend,

Enclosure.



November 17th, 1901.

The Rev. Frederick E. Taylor, D.D.,

1526 North Wabash St.,

Indianapolis, Ind.

My dear Dr. Taylor:-

Your registered letter of November 3rd was duly received and would have been answered earlier, but I have been away for the last ten days in connection with some missionary lectures at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. I returned yesterday and write at once in reply to your inquiry.

The passage regarding Napoleon's view of Christ was quoted, as the slip you sent me and which I return herewith indicated, from Eiddon's "Divinity of Christ." The foot-note giving the source of the quotation is as follows:-

"This is freely translated from the passages quoted by Luthard, Apologetische Vorträge, pp. 234, 235 and Baurion, Sermon, p. 354. The same conversation is given substantially by Mauvion, Divinite du Christ, pp. 11-13, Paris 1863; in a small brochure attributed to M. le Pasteur Maister, and published by the Religious Tract Society, Napoleon, Mevrre, Paris 1859; by Auguste Nicolas, in his Etudes Philosophiques sur le Christianisme, Bruxelles, 1849, tom. ii. pp. 352-356; and by the Chevalier de Beaumaine in his Sentiment de Napoleon sur le Christianisme, edit. par J. B. Bouniol, Paris 1864, pp. 67-118. In the preface to General Bertrand's Campagnes d'Egypte et de Syrie, there is an allusion to the reported conversations of Napoleon on the questions of the existence of God and of our Lord's Divinity, which, the General says, were of no place at all! But M. de Montholon, who with General Bertrand was present at the conversations which are recorded by the Chevalier de Beaumaine, writes from Paris on May 30, 1841, to that author: 'J'ai lu avec un vif interet votre brochure; Sentiment de Napoleon sur la Divinite de Jesus-Christ, et je ne pense pas qu'il soit possible de mieux exprimer les croyances religieuses de l'empereur.' Sentiment de Napoleon, Avertissement, p. viii. Writing, as it would seem, in ignorance of this testimony, Mauvion says: 'Cite plusieurs fois et dans des circonstances diverses, le jugement de l'empereur sur la divinite de Jesus-Christ.' Mauvion, op. cit. p. 118.

Dr. Taylor:-

It has been a pleasure to be able to do so.

I read with the greatest interest the little booklet  
entitled, "A Veritable Plan," which I received from you.

I wish that there were more churches that were so carefully

very valiantly.

NOVEMBER 17th, 1906.

Dr. Horace G. Coleman,  
1230 South Park Square,

Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Horace:-

I expect to be at home

Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and I shall  
be delighted if you will come and see me after  
your visit with me.

Very cordially,  
Wm. C. C. Coleman

October 1, 1908

Mr. Howard W. Ansell, Secretary  
The Princeton Club,  
Gramercy Park North,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Your note of yesterday is just received.

I enclose herewith blanks, proposing Dr. Jullien's name for membership in the Club. I had not known that such blanks were necessary, and trust that the delay will not prevent action on Dr. Jullien's name at the fall meeting of the Committee on Admissions.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure.

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November 17th, 1908.

Mr. Samuel Woolverton,

Callatin National Bank,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Woolverton:-

Your very kind note of November 14th, with its generous enclosure from Miss Andrew, for the fund for the special relief of missionaries at home on furlough, who are feeling the stress of special need, was received yesterday. I enclose herewith our Treasurer's acknowledgment. Miss Andrew's wish that her name should not be used in connection with the gift, will be faithfully observed. Will you not communicate to her, however, our sincere gratitude for her most generous help?

I shall be very happy indeed to come down sometime to talk with you about the other matter to which you refer, and shall call you up within a few days, as you suggest.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.



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November 18th, 1908.

My dear Woodie:-

I have engagements for Sunday, December 6th, which will make it impracticable for me to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Hospital on the afternoon of December 5th. Besides, I am no good as one of these occasional orators--that is Dr. Brown's job and yours.

Very affectionately yours,

my office Monday afternoon, and I had to leave the next day for Boston.

I am sorry to have to say that it will be impossible for me to come to St. Louis for the meetings on December 15-16. I have already engaged to give a lecture at the University of Chicago on December 15, and, of course, I cannot break. I realize the importance of the meetings of the Association, and I regret that I cannot be present. I hope to come next year.

Thanking you heartily for your cordial letter, and trusting that the meetings may be a truly great success, I am

Received Nov. 16.

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My dear Judge:

421 Olive Street,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Judge:

I was delighted to get your kind note of Monday afternoon, when I returned from a ten days' absence in Pittsburgh and Chicago. I would have answered it at once, but our board met that afternoon and yesterday I had to go to Boston.

As I have just written to Dr. Russell, I would be delighted to come to the meetings on the 13th and 14th, but I already have engagements for those days and cannot come. If I were free to come I would gladly do so. Still, I think that with Dr. Underwood, Dr. Avison and Mr. Severance - and if you can give Dr. Underwood and Mr. Severance ample time - there would not be room for anyone else to speak at the banquet. I have heard Mr. Severance at two banquets recently, at each of which he spoke at length to the unqualified delight of those who listened to him. I think that you will find that he will get hold of the laymen at the Dinner.

Even if there were no other reason for wishing to come, it would be a pleasure to come just to be with you again.

With kind regards, I am

St. Louis, MO.

My dear Mr. Cobbs:

Your very kind note of November 13th has been received, together with letters from Dr. Russell and Judge Spencer. I wish I could at once accept your kind invitation, but it will not be possible for me to do so. I have to be at Williams College on December 13th, in New York on December 14th, in Plainfield, N.J. on the afternoon of the 15th, and that evening have promised to speak at an important anniversary meeting in Newark, N.J. These engagements, of course, I cannot break, and they will prevent me from the pleasure of coming to St. Louis to spend all the time I desire in connection with the visits of Dr. Underwood, Dr. Avison and Mr. Severance. I know these men well, however, and I am sure that you will find that you will not need any other speakers. I have heard Mr. Severance at two banquets in New York recently, at each of which he spoke for about two hours, to the untiring interest of the audience. He spoke so simply, so earnest, so exceedingly interesting. I do not see how the men who will hear him in Cleveland could help but take up a new devotion to the missionary enterprise.

I fear I never acknowledged your good letter of last June, with reference to Mr. Patterson's collection. I turned it over to Dr. Halsey, who had had all the correspondence with Mr. Patterson on the subject. The hope which you expressed was entirely justified, -

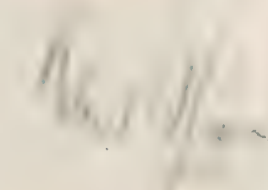


order and even the severest and most ...  
 green' to his exception to his course. One of the ... the  
 I understand of the Planting Company stated that his office was at  
 1018 Wright Building. These, I believe, are the offices of the Home and  
 Foreign Boards, for which they pay rent, or which they would not be  
 ...

It seems altogether too long a time since I have had the pleasure  
 of seeing either you or Mr. Patterson. It seems to me we ought to arrange a  
 way in which at least once a year you would be on to meet the Board. I wish  
 you could be here next June at the Annual Meeting of the Board, and at the  
 sessions of the Conference with New Missionaries.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,



November 19th, 1908.

Mr. Alexander R. Gulick,  
Princeton Club,  
Gramercy Park, North,  
New York City.

My dear Alex:-

The Secretary of the Committee on Admissions of the Princeton Club has sent me, in reply to your jogging him up, the blanks for the nomination of new members, and they have been filled up for Sailer and returned.

I do not understand why he did not notify me when he received my letter, I think, nearly a month ago, that it would not suffice as a nomination but that the regular blanks must be used. I trust this will not make the matter too late for Sailer to be elected at this time.

Will you be good enough to take an interest in the matter and to see that he is put in now? He is back from an extended Western trip, and as he will be here now right along, it will be very inconvenient for him unless he can come in to the Club in his own name.

Very cordially yours,

November 19th, 1908.

Mr. Fred C. Mabce,  
Summer Hall,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Shall be glad to come for evening of twentyeighth.

Robert E. Spear.

November 20th, 1908.

The Rev. S. J. McPherson, D.D.,

Lawrenceville, N. J.

My dear Dr. McPherson:-

I believe my next appointment at Lawrenceville is day after to-morrow, Sunday, November 22nd. I shall come down sometime in the late afternoon or evening--probably not until late in the evening.

Very cordially yours,

November 20th, 1908.

Rev. Edwin H. Bonsall  
Land Title Company,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Letter received and answered. Very sorry cannot come.

Robert E. Speer.



November 20th, 1908.

Mr. Wilfred W. Fry,

Young Men's Christian Association,

Penn & Seventh Streets,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Fry:-

Your kind note of November 16th, with its generous enclosure, is just received. I thank you very heartily for your kindness, and enclose herewith the voucher.

Trusting you may have a very good winter's work, with,  
with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

Dictated Nov. 19th.

November 20th, 1908.

Mrs. J. C. B. Stivers,  
9411 Lamont Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Stivers:-

Your kind note of the 16th is just received.

The space available for the Young People's Prayer Meeting topic in "The Sunday School Times" is very limited, and I had to omit much that otherwise it might have been well to include. I simply tried to get in as much as possible of information regarding the various temperance organizations and their officers as the space would allow. I took my information from a little hand-book, which I got from the National Temperance Society, and I really don't remember now just what determined the selection of any names that were mentioned. Certainly, nothing personal did, for I did not know any of those whose names were mentioned, or of those officers whose names there was no room to mention.

Very sincerely yours,

November 20th, 1906.

The Rev. John H. Kerr, D.D.,

199 Broad St.,

Newark, N. J.

My dear Dr. Kerr:-

I shall indeed be glad to be of any service I can, at this time, and, as I said before, if any particular field occurs to you, where a letter from me will be serviceable and you will only let me know, I shall be happy to write.

I understand that the church at Jamaica is just vacated, and am writing a note to Colonel W. M. Griffith, whom I have known for some years, and who I think is in that church.

Very cordially yours,

November 20th, 1908.

Colonel W. M. Griffith,

Clinton Park,

Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.

My dear Colonel:-

I am ashamed of myself because I keep forgetting just what church you and Mrs. Griffith are in now, but if it is the church of which Mr. Hobbs was pastor and which I have been informed, he has just resigned, I should like to suggest through you to whoever may have the matter in charge, the name of the Rev. John H. Kerr, D.D., as his successor.

I have known Dr. Kerr for some years and esteem him very highly. He is in middle life,- a very affable, friendly man, an excellent scholar, splendidly equipped for the work, and one whom I would rejoice to have for my own minister and pastor. He has been until the last year Secretary of the Tract Society, but resigned from that connection last spring, and has been supplying, both since and indeed before his resignation, a number of our best suburban churches in New Jersey. His present address is, 199 Broad St., Newark, N.J. The Rev. John McDowell, of the Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, is pastor of Dr. Kerr's family, and he will confirm, I know, what I have written.

Very cordially yours,



November 20th, 1908.

Mr. William B. Oliver,

Church Calendar Company,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Oliver:-

Mrs. Speer's mother, Mrs. Bailey, at Harrisburgh, has forwarded to me your note of November 12th to her, together with a check for \$5.00, for which, she writes, she will be glad to have me suggest to you the names to whom the twenty copies of the calendar which the enclosed check will cover might be sent. I would suggest the following names:

The Rev. J. W. Hawkes, Hamadan, Persia, via Berlin & Baku,  
 Miss Cora Bartlett, Teheran, Persia, via Berlin & Baku,  
 Mr. Albert G. Adams, Batanga, Kameruns, Africa,  
 Mrs. William Wallace, Coyoacan, Federal District, Mexico,  
 Rev. W. A. Waddell, Lencoes, Bahia, Brazil,  
 Miss Florence E. Smith, Valparaiso, Chile,  
 Miss Anna B. West, Joshi Gakoin, Tokyo, Japan,  
 Miss Ida E. Luther, Kanagawa, Japan,  
 Rev. S. A. Moffet, D.D., Pyong Yang, Korea,  
 Rev. J. C. Garritt, D.D., Nanking, China,  
 Miss Annie H. Morton, Ningpo, China,  
 Rev. C. H. Fenn, D.D., Peking, China,  
 Rev. J. B. Dunlap, Bangkok, Siam, via Brindisi,  
 Rev. D. G. Collins, Chieng Mai, Laos, via Rurmah & Raheng,  
 Rev. A. H. Ewing, Ph.D., Allahabad, India, (North West Province)  
 Rev. H. C. Volte, Saharanpur, India, (Upper Province)  
 Rev. F. E. Hoskins, Beirut, Syria, via London & Brindisi,  
 Dr. W. J. Wanless, Miraj, India, Bombay Presidency,  
 Rev. S. B. Rossiter, D.D., Manila, P.I.  
 Dr. J. Andrew Hall, Iloilo, P.I.  
 Dr. Mary Fulton, Canton, China.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

November 20th, 1908.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,

31 South Front St.,

Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Mother:-

Your note of yesterday, with the enclosed check, is received, and I am sending it to the Church Calendar Company with the names of twenty missionaries, in which I have included Mr. Hawkes and Miss Annie West, to whom the calendar should be sent.

It was delightful to see you all in Harrisburg last Saturday. I reached Pottstown safely in quite a snow-storm in the evening. You had a great deal more snow in Pennsylvania than we had over here, and ours is almost all gone now. Emma and the children are all very well. We have Mrs. Loomis and Clara with us now, and Mary Spear, who has been visiting at Will's, at Piermont, and is now spending a few days with us.

With much love from us all,

Ever affectionately yours,

Dictated Nov. 19th.

November 20th, 1916.

Mr. Delevan M. Horton,  
1516 W. 5th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Del:

Your letter of October 19th was received while I was away on a Western trip. I had scarcely gotten back before I had to start off on another trip. In between I saw a copy of the little magazine of the Gospel Union, published in Kansas City, in which an alarm is sounded against the "Review" as an associate of the "MISCELLANEOUS" OF THE WORLD. If, however, you still intend to continue the REVIEW and want to talk over the list of subjects which you sent in your letter of October 19th, can't you come in and have lunch with me some day when we can go over them? I have jotted down a number of names after some of the subjects, and any judgment or acquaintance of mine that can be of service to you in blocking out the plans for the year, I shall be glad to put at your disposal. I think it would be more satisfactory and would save time instead of writing out a list of subjects, and would come and take lunch with me. I shall be in New York pretty steadily now, and if you will call me up any morning when you could come over, I could let you know if I have any other engagement.

Very affectionately yours,



November 20th, 1906.

Mr. William Cornwell,  
Blair Academy,  
Blairstown, N.J.

My dear William:

I received, some time ago, your note of October 19th, in reply to my letter, in which you state that the book I had sent you had not yet reached you. I have been wondering whether it has, as yet, come to you. If not, will you kindly let me know? I find that it was addressed to "Mr. William Cornwell, Yorktown Heights, New York." Perhaps if you have not already received it, you could find out from the postmaster at Yorktown Heights, or let me know, and I will do so, what he did with the book. It had my name on the outside so that it should have been returned to me, or I should have been notified that it was there if it was not delivered to you.

Very sincerely yours,



November 10th, 1908.

Miss Jane W. Button,

Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Button:

Your kind note of November 11th is just received.

Whatever arrangements you and Miss Whitesides may make regarding the use of the hall and a talk in the afternoon, I shall be very glad to comply with, only I hope that you will not feel under any constraint to work up a lecture that will not spontaneously come. I am very glad to do anything that I can, but there is too much work that has to be done to make it worth while spending time on a manufactured work.

Very cordially yours,

November 18th, 1902.

The Rev. Franklin B. Doughty, D.D.,

Convent Station,

N.Y.

My dear Dr. Doughty:

Your letter of November 11th has been received.

I have already engagements for the afternoons of November 1st and 2nd, and have two other engagements which are likely to fill up the other two afternoons, - one set off by me and the other a meeting of the Committee of the American Theological Association, which I have promised to attend if it is set on either of those afternoons.

I am very sorry that that week is filled up as it is. Dr. Schauffler and Dr. Mittridge, however, with yourself, would be all the greater a that would be needed. If you want anyone else, I would suggest Dr. William Chamberlain of India, now at New Brunswick, N.J.

Trusting that the meeting may be a real success, and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

November 13th, 1908.

Mr. M.P. Turnbull,  
541 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Turnbull:

Your kind note of the 13th was received and acknowledged in my absence from the city. I am sorry to have to say that it will not be possible for me to come for any of the Thursday evenings in December. I would suggest your getting either of my associates, - Dr. White or Dr. Halsey - both of whom are now living in the City, or that you call on one of our missionaries who are now at home on furlough. The Rev. John E. Hail of Japan is an admirable missionary, and his present address is 948 East 179th Street, New York. I would suggest, also, the Rev. William Isaac of Syria, whose address is 126 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Very cordially yours,

November 19th, 1908.

Miss Frances H. Thompson,  
Dobbs Ferry, New York.

My dear Miss Thompson:

I have been away for the last ten days or so, and have just heard from Dr. Duffield on returning, that he wants the four Sunday nights in January, so that it will not be possible for me to come up to the School for one of those evenings. I <sup>not</sup> can come either for January 8th, as that will be our Week of Prayer here in our own Church, but I can come for Thursday evening, January 26th, - which is the third date you suggested.

With kind regards from Mrs. Speer and myself, I am

Very cordially yours,



Miss Baker,

Miss Baker's School,

30 West 55th Street, New York City.

My dear Miss Baker:

I have just heard from Dr. Duffield with reference to the Sunday evenings in January. I have been told that Dr. Duffield will be in New York City for four evenings, and that he will come for those four evenings to the Old First Church. That will make it impossible, I am sorry to say, for me to accept your kind invitation to come some one of those evenings to the School.

Very sincerely yours,

November 21st, 1908.

Rev.C.A.R.Janvier,  
1409 Broad St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa?

Can you wire me immediately where Kellogg preaches tomorrow.

Robert E.Spear.

Dr. W. H. McPheters, D.D.,

Columbia, S.C.

My dear Dr. McPheters:

I am very much obliged to you for the copy of your paper  
on the practical effect of the Bible on the popular  
regard for the Bible. I read the paper with very much interest.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. W. M. Gordon,  
Haitian, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Gordon:

I appreciate heartily your kind note of the 12th, which I am awaiting with the copy of "First Steps With World Peace," on my return from a Western trip the day before yesterday. I shall have pleasure in going over the little book at the first opportunity and I hope that like the books which have preceded it, it may accomplish much good.

I am very grateful for the friendly personal word in your letter. I remember the Convention at Birmingham well, and the many years of your work in the State Secretaryship in Ohio. I hope that some time when you are in New York you will stop in my office. It will be a great pleasure to see you if you have a little leisure time.

Very cordially yours,



Mr. Thomas Kinloch,  
Nelson Theological Seminary,  
Virginia.

My dear Mr. Kinloch:

Your very kind note of October 5th was received some time ago, just as I was leaving for an extended trip in the West. I am very grateful for your cordial invitation, and should very much enjoy visiting the Seminary and meeting the faculty and students. I have no appointments at present, however, which would take me to Washington, but if I have any in the near future which leave any margin of time, I shall be glad to accept your invitation.

Very sincerely yours,

October 12th, 1908.

Mr. Howard Richards, Jr.,  
119 East 71st Street,  
New York City.

My dear Richards:

On returning to New York on Monday I found the copy of David Hill's Life, which you so kindly left. I shall read it with the greatest interest, and am very much obliged to you for it. Come in whenever you can. It will always be a pleasure to see you.

Very cordially yours,

November 14th, 1900.

Mr. C. W. Keeler,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Keeler:

Your kind note of November 6th, with its enclosed check toward my traveling expenses at the last Southern Va. Conference, is received. I had forgotten about it. You are sure, are you, that it has not been already paid?

Very sincerely yours,

November 14th, 1900.

Mr. Charles D. Hilles,

Cananacay, New York.

My dear Mr. Hilles:

Your kind notes with reference to the Sunday Meetings at the Village have been received. I am sorry that my Sundays have been filled up so that I couldn't come for any day this Fall, and I do not see any prospect of being able to come in the early Winter. If I find that in the latter part of the Winter or in the Spring, I can come for any Sunday, I shall be glad to let you know.

With kind regards to Mrs. Hilles and your self, I am

Very sincerely yours,



November 19th, 1906.

Mr. W.M. Hackenberg,

Dayton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Hackenberg:

Your kind note of November 5th was received and acknowledged while I was away. I appreciate very much your hearty renewal of your invitation, and wish that I might hope to come out to the Convention, but May is just as bad a time for me as any. That is the month when our General Assembly meets, this year in Denver. If I have to go to it, I shall spend all the time in New York and have to get my work into shape before leaving. And if I do not go, others will have gone so that I shall have to remain at home in my office. The General Assembly does not begin until the middle of the month, it is true, but our fiscal year begins the first of the month and it is not so easy time to be away. I am delighted to hear of the good prospects for the meeting. I hope you will try, by all means, to get Mr. J. Campbell White of the League's Missionary Movement and Dr. S.W. Swemer of the American Volunteer Movement.

Very cordially yours,

November 19th, 1908.

Mr. Edward W. Bonsall,  
Land Title Company,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Bonsall:

Your very kind note of the 17th is just received.

I should be happy to see you for the meeting on November 30th  
if it were possible, but I have already other engagements which will  
prevent.

I hope you may have a splendid meeting.

Very cordially yours,

November 1911, 1912.

Mr. Herbert T. Paright,  
2 Union Square,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Paright:

Your kind note with its enclosed check is received.

I send, herewith, some more of the Bible notes covering  
the rest of the 15th and part of the 16th chapter. I think  
I have already sent you everything up to and including John (VII).

Very sincerely yours,

October 10th, 1900.

Principal A.W. Pence,

Dean Academy,

Franklin, Mass.

Dear Mr. Pence:

Your kind note of October 8th was received just as I was leaving for an extended Eastern trip, from which I returned only to have to leave again for another long absence. I am waiting now at the first opportunity after returning. I wish very much that I could accept your kind invitation. It is always a pleasure to reach a new group of school boys, but I have engagements for all of my Sundays until next Summer, and my own distinctive work fills the week days so full that I cannot hope to get the time to make a visit to Franklin this Winter.

Very cordially yours,



November 30th, 1908.

Mrs. Isaac L. Miller,  
744 Washington Avenue,  
Plainfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Miller:

In reply to Mr. Miller's enquiry over the telephone on Monday, I told him I would come for the meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 1st. I wish very much, too, that you had been willing to arrange for one of the other speakers, or that you could have let me suggest some one of the many others whom I know you might have been able to get. The pressure of work in the office makes it increasingly difficult to get my time apart from it, and even at the best are sure to take a half of the working days.

Will you kindly let me know in due time the hour of the meeting, as I shall have to be in the office as late as possible, and as I have explained, I shall have to get away as soon as possible after the meeting is over to get my train and to spend the evening in Newark.

Very truly yours,

November 21st, 1908.

Mr. Charles G. Trumbull,  
1031 Walnut St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Charlie:-

Your good letter of November 2nd came just before I went away for some missionary lectures in Chicago, and your letter of November 18th has come just as I have returned.

Of course, I want to do anything I can to be of help to you. My only solicitude is not to promise anything I cannot do for you and I am prevented by doing other things that must be done. I shall be glad to make an effort to furnish both the character studies and the materials, and I suppose, if it ought to be done, it can be done. I am working now nights and all odd times to clear off the ends of work that are still hanging over me, and hope to have the decks pretty well cleared by the end of the year, so that I shan't stand then bound to much in the way of writing except the work on "The Times" and the Duff Missionary Lectures for Scotland.

It was so good to have that time with you in Trenton.

Won't you be coming over here when you can come out and spend a night?

I have been wondering whether it might not be a good thing to get James Bryce to write the article on "Paul, the Roman Citizen." He is a great man on the Roman Empire, and an article from him would be a fine addition. And how would it do to try to get Governor Hughes on "Paul, the Man of Principle."

Very affectionately yours,

November 20th, 1908.

Mrs. E. K. Rhodes,

636 Ridge St.,

Forest Hill, Newark, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Rhodes:-

I carried off your note of November 15th to Mrs. Spear and told her I was going to answer it myself.

It would be a great pleasure to us both to accept your invitation, but it is not Sunday, the 13th, that I expect to come, but Tuesday evening, December 15th, and Mrs. Spear will not be able to come with me. Moreover, I have to be at Plainfield to speak in the afternoon, and shall only be able to get to Newark, I fear, a little while before the evening meeting. James Meehan had already asked me to come to his house for supper, if I could get to Newark in time. I told him that I would do so, but I was afraid that I might not be able to get there until between seven and eight o'clock. I am very sorry. Mrs. Spear won't be coming with me, and we won't have time enough to see you and Mr. Rhodes and accept your cordial invitation, as well as see the Meehans.

Your sincere friend,



My dear John:

Will it be as convenient for you to come for December 20th as for December 6th? December 6th is our Communion Sunday, and this had been overlooked when I wrote to you last. If December 20th is not possible, could you come for January 3rd, 10th, 24th or 31st? I earnestly hope that you can.

Very affectionately yours,



Charles H. Cahill,  
 Mr. Walter Dyack,  
 West Side Y.M.C.A.,  
 West 57th Street, N.Y.

My dear Deacon:

I ought to have spoken to you about it when you were here just a moment ago, but it slipped my mind. I write now to ask that in case you are going to the office tomorrow, whether you can come. We will have dinner about one o'clock.

Ever your friend,

I shall be away from my office to-morrow, but shall be in on Wednesday.

If you are going by, please, let me know Wednesday whether you can come.

Mr. John M. Holmes,  
 1 Irving Place,  
 New York City.

My dear Jack:

Can't you come and take Thanksgiving Dinner with us on Thursday?  
 We will have dinner at 12 o'clock, and I am very much that you  
 can come. I am writing to you now, also. I hope I shall hear  
 from you tomorrow or Wednesday that you can come.

Very affectionately yours,

Mr. William McM. North,

N.Y. Continental Jewel Filtration Co.,

35 Broad Street, New York.

My dear Will:

Could you come to New York on Thursday?  
We will have dinner at about 12 o'clock, and I am very much  
interested in seeing you. I am writing to you from  
you to-morrow or Wednesday that you can come.

Very affectionately yours,

November 23rd, 1906.

Mr. K. Kuroi,

3153 Broadway,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Kuroi:-

On returning to New York, I was very glad to get your note of November 6th, and should be happy to see you.

I shall be in my office next Wednesday, November 25th, and shall be glad to see you almost any time that afternoon before half-past four o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,



November 23rd, 1908.

Mr. Henry H. Tift,

11 William St.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Tift:-

I shall probably be out of town on Tuesday, and if I am here, I shall certainly come to the meeting of the Directors of the Juvenile Asylum. If I am not present at the beginning of the meeting, will you kindly present my excuse? My absence will indicate that I am away from the City.

Very cordially yours,

Dated Nov. 21st.

November 23rd, 1908.

Professor Paul Van Dyke.

Princeton,

N. J.

My dear Dr. Van Dyke:-

We are delighted to learn from your note that you can be with us on December 13th or January 15th. The former date has already been filled, and we shall look forward, accordingly, with much pleasure to having you for January 15th.

I enclose herewith a time-table of trains from New York to Englewood; and if you will let us know some days in advance on just what train you will arrive, we will see that some one meets you, and that full advice is sent as to your place of entertainment.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

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November 23rd, 1908.

Professor A. W. Vernon.

Yale University,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Vernon:-

I was very glad to get your note of November 19th, in reply to my inquiry, and to learn that you will be able to come to us for the last Sunday in December. You mention the date as the 29th, but if you will note on your calendar, it is the 27th. We shall accordingly expect you for that Sunday.

I enclose herewith a timetable of trains from New York to Eaglewood; and if you will let me know some days in advance on just what train you will arrive, we will see that some one meets you and that full advice is sent as to your place of entertainment.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

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Mr. J. F. Fitchen,

Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mr. Fitchen:-

I enclose herewith a copy  
of a letter which I have just written to your son.  
I hope that there has been no change in the plans  
since you wrote on the subject to Mr. Bulkley  
some little time ago.

Very cordially yours,

Enclosure.



November 23rd, 1908.

The Rev. Ford C. Ottmann, D.D.,

Stamford, Conn.

My dear Dr. Ottmann:-

As you probably know, our Church in Englewood is now without a pastor, owing to the resignation of Dr. Hamilton on account of a severe attack of typhoid fever, from the effects of which he has not recovered.

The Chairman of the Committee charged with the duty of finding a new pastor tells me that the Rev. Louis F. Berry, pastor of the Congregational Church in Stamford, has been highly recommended to him by a member of our congregation who was a classmate of Mr. Berry's in Harvard, I believe. Can you tell me anything about Mr. Berry and his qualifications for such a church as ours? And can you suggest to me the names of any others to whom I might write regarding him? I think our Committee knows nothing whatever about him, and it cannot be said, on the mere basis of the recommendation of his name, that he is seriously before our Committee, but the Chairman desires me to make these preliminary inquiries.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 23rd, 1908.

The Rev. J. F. Fitcher, Jr.,

Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Fitcher:-

The Committee on Supplies in our Englewood Church has learned that you will be in Englewood some time next month and might be available to preach for us on Sunday, December 13th.

Mr. Bulkley, Mr. Share, Mr. Pierce, and I, I think, are the present Committee on Supplies, and in the absence of Mr. Bulkley as Chairman of the Committee, the responsibility at present is on Mr. Share and myself, and I write to ask whether we may regard this arrangement for December 13th as settled?

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 23rd, 1908.

Professor John DeWitt, D.D.,

Princeton,

N. J.

My dear Dr. DeWitt:-

As you probably know, our church in Englewood is now vacant on account of the resignation of Dr. Hamilton, and until we find a new pastor we are supplying the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday.

I think Mr. Bulkeley wrote you as to the possibility of your coming some time this fall, if you could do so, and I write now in behalf of the Committee on Supplies to ask whether you cannot come for some Sunday in January or February? If so, could you suggest two alternative Sundays, so that it will be easier for us to adjust the matter in view of replies from others? I hope that we may count upon a certain arrangement which we have already endeavored to make regarding December 20th, but if we cannot, would there be any possibility of your coming to us for that Sunday?

Very cordially yours,

Dietated Nov. 21st.



November 23rd, 1906.

The Rev. L. Mason Clarke, D.D.,  
1st Presbyterian Church,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Clarke:-

You may have heard of the resignation of Dr. Hamilton, the pastor of our church in Englewood, N. J., which leaves us without a minister.

Until we find a successor, we are obliged to fill the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday, and I am going to make bold enough to ask, in behalf of our Committee on Supplies, whether you would be able and willing to take a Sunday away from your own church, in January or February, to come to preach for us. There are a great many old Brooklyn people in our community, and it would be a great pleasure to many if you could come. If you can, will you mention some Sunday other than January 17th, when Professor Paul Van Dyke comes to us, and if possible, an alternative Sunday, when you could come?

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st,



November 23rd, 1908.

Mrs. W. S. Paris,

4335 Cook Avenue,

St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Paris:-

I am very grateful for your kind note of November 18th, which is just received.

It was a pleasure to prepare the little sketch for FORWARD, but it was hard work leaving out, as had to be done, so much material in order to bring it within the available space. I hope that Wallace's life may last as an abiding influence, not in China only, but in many hearts here at home.

With earnest sympathy and kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 18th, 1906.

Mr. O. M. Jones,

Madison,

Wis.

My dear Mr. Jones:-

Your kind note of November 18th is received.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to deliver the address before the Association next June. My other engagements will make it impossible.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 23rd, 1908.

Miss Mary A. Campbell,

Vassar College,

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Miss Campbell:-

Your kind note of November 17th has been received.

Your previous letters I also found when I returned from a Western trip in October.

I shall be glad to come up to Vassar for the evening of February 4th.

Very truly yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 23rd, 1908.

The Rev. George C. Lenington,

45 Madison Ave.,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lenington:-

I was very glad to get your note of November 13th, with the translation of part of your brother's letter to "O Paritane". I was very glad to get this encouraging news, and I do hope that the work may go steadily forward there. I am glad to know, too, of the good advance in missionary interest in your congregation.

Ever cordially yours,

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The Rev. Henry Bacon Allen,

Delmar, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Allen:-

Your note of November 14th has been received.

I am sorry to have to say that I do not have any extra copies of my books which I could send you. Moreover, I think that the publisher usually regards it as a part of his advertising responsibility to deal with inquiries as to books for review. I would suggest, accordingly, that you write to the Fleming H. Revell Company, who publish the most of my books. "The Marks of a Man," of which you speak, is published by Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, Ohio. I have no doubt that if you can show them that the circulation of the new monthly will furnish an adequate advertising medium, that they would be very glad to take advantage of the opportunity it presents of having their books mentioned in your review columns.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated Nov. 21st.

November 25th, 1908.

The Rev. George Robson, D.D.,  
36 Murrayfield Road,  
Edinburgh, Scotland.

My dear Dr. Robson:-

I have just written to Mr. Tod in answer to his letters regarding the dates for the Duff Lectures, and enclose herewith my reply. I shall look forward with great pleasure to the privilege of seeing you again, and of meeting the many new friends whom this visit will bring the privilege of knowing.

I returned last week from Chicago, where I gave the annual course of missionary lectures, taking up mission problems in some great biographies,- The Problem of Foundation laying by William Carey; The Problem of Education and Missions illustrated by Duff; The Problem of Missions and Politics illustrated by John Lawrence; The Problem of Home Administration illustrated by Fuller, Chalmers, Duff, Walter Lowrie and Jeremiah Evarts, and The Missionary Spirit illustrated in Chinese Gordon. In such a course, however, a good deal of time has to be taken up in the biographical account, which is all right where the life is not well known, but wasteful where it is. I am very glad you preferred the first of my suggestions for the Duff Lectures.

There is a great deal of interest over here in the Edinburgh Conference. We are especially pleased with the earnest

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interest which our Episcopal friends are taking. No one else has taken hold with more hearty interest than they.

You will be seeing Mr. Mott, I presume, before long. He has a hard year before him in his work on the Continent. I wish I could hope to see you as soon as he will.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

November 25th, 1908.

My: Henry Tod,

45 North Castle Street,

Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Mr. Tod:-

I have been away in the West most of the time since receiving your note of October 2nd, or it would have had an earlier reply; and I would acknowledge also your letter of August 10th.

I shall, of course, be glad to comply with the arrangement proposed in Dr. Robson's letter of August 12th, a copy of which you enclosed, and shall look forward, accordingly, to beginning the lectures on the third Sunday of January, 1910, and concluding them the third week in February. I shall hope to send you, in due time, the exact title of the lectures.

Very faithfully yours,



November 25th, 1938.

Mr. Frank W. Hamilton,

Lehigh University,

South Bethlehem, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hamilton:-

Sometime ago, I received an unsigned letter on the letter-paper of the Lehigh University Christian Association, inviting me to come out to speak at the University some Sunday or Friday. I presume the letter was from you or Mr. Brothers. It would have been answered earlier but for my constant absences from the City.

I remember very well my two previous visits to the University, and I should be glad to come back some time this year. Sunday, however, is impossible for me, as I have all my Sundays engaged, and I am not sure that I shall be able to take any Friday to come over. I found that it took a whole day to go over and attend a noon meeting and get back to New York, and I do not know whether this is going to be possible with all the other work which I have for the winter and spring. If I find that I can come over for some Friday later in the winter or in the early spring, I shall let you know in advance, in the hope that it can be arranged as you suggest with the University authorities.

Very cordially yours,

Diotated Nov. 24th.

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